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PUBLISHERS' NOTICE.

The Vancouver office of The Colonist has been removed to 612 Hastings street, corner of Howe, where patrons and others will find this paper on file, and where all information may be obtained as to subscription and advertising rates. C. F. Beaven is in charge of the office.

BUSY POLITICIANS.

There was a significant gathering of liberals at the Driad hotel last evening. Among those present were Senator Templeman and Messrs. Duncan Ross, W. H. Gadhier, R. G. Macpherson, Ralph Smith, W. Sloan, representatives at Ottawa, and J. A. Macdonald, John Oliver, Stuart Henderson and other local representatives. Messrs. W. C. Wells, Palliser, Robt. Kelly, Vancouver. It is understood that one of the questions under consideration was the selection of a lieutenant-governor. We are informed that Mr. Riley is at Ottawa conducting the negotiations at the other end. Naturally the wires are being kept hot. The Colonist, in its anxiety to get particulars in advance, tapped the Western Union and C. P. R. systems at several points. The messages were in cipher and nothing but the names of certain well-known persons were recognized, such as Riley, Templeman, Bostock, Folk-Warren, Wells, Morrison, Martin, Sinclair, Jardine, Brown, and of a number of needy politicians both in British Columbia and in Eastern Canada. There were some words that sounded profane, but those may just have been spelled that way in the code book. It was observed that the messages all went one way from this end and came back by the other to avoid unnecessary friction in passing to and fro. No conclusion could be arrived at in this way, except that a group of politicians at both ends appeared to be very busy about something. It may have been about the new dredge for the harbor, or the commencement of the G. T. P. at this end, or the result of the elections in Saskatchewan or the split in the Liberal party in Victoria; but it is not at all likely.

RECIPROCITY IN MEDICOS.

Our readers are probably familiar with the outlines of Dr. Roddick's bill, which was passed in the House of Commons in 1902, we think, providing for a common standard for medical men throughout the Dominion. Of course, such legislation on the part of the Dominion could have no effect without concurrent legislation on the part of the provinces. Regulation of the professions is a subject which, like that of education, comes exclusively within the jurisdiction of the provincial legislatures. Dr. Roddick's bill, therefore was made dependent upon the will of the governments of the various provinces to bring it into force. The principle, we believe, is one which commends itself to the judgment of the medical profession as a whole throughout Canada. The McGill medical course, for instance, imposes five years of preparation and involves all that is modern in a knowledge of medicine or surgery. That a graduate with a McGill university diploma should be obliged to pass examination when wishing to practice in some other province seems to be an anomaly and a hardship. The same is true of any other medical school of recognized status. There may be in law, for instance, differences in practice and such knowledge of the local statutes required as to justify some preliminary probation before a lawyer from another province is admitted to practice, but the treatment of disease is, according to the tenets of a particular school, the same the world over.

We observe that a petition has been presented to the Ontario Government asking that the provisions of the Roddick measure be brought into force there, and it is intimated that a similar petition will be presented to the Government of British Columbia. All the other provinces with the exception of Quebec are already in line. It is not thought that Quebec will agree to accept the Act in question, at least for the present. We must, however, that when it comes before the Legislature in this province that it will have favorable consideration, and has made free trade in qualified medical practitioners throughout the Dominion, as far as possible, general.

understand it there is no intention of interfering with local control. There will be still the medical councils to exercise disciplinary powers over the members of the profession regulate a standard of qualifications for outsiders, etc.

THE PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES.

There has been a good deal of eager inquiry in the city of late as to the whereabouts of the records of the old Quadra cemetery. Search at the Government buildings has failed to reveal their hiding place. It is understood that they were formerly in the old Government buildings, and it is surmised that they may have been lost in the removal from one building to the other at the time the transfer of documents was made. From a sentimental point of view, if from no other, it is unfortunate if the records in question have been lost or destroyed. The circumstances emphasize the mistake that was made years ago in not looking more carefully after the archives of the province. It seems certain that many important original documents are missing. At the time of litigation over Deadman's Island a serious difficulty was experienced in obtaining official evidence that would establish the fact as to whether the island had been part of a military reserve or not. That there was such evidence at some time in existence seems to be almost certain. The proper classification, indexing and filing of the archives of the ante-Confederation documents is not yet too late to undertake. In fact, the sooner such work is commenced the better for their safety and the public convenience. Any of the despatches, as between the old colonies and the Imperial or Canadian Governments, that are missing could, of course, be supplied by copying from the records in London and at Ottawa; but many of the original papers and records pertaining to Vancouver Island and British Columbia are no doubt lost and can never be replaced. There is another feature of the case that is worthy of consideration, and that is that the archives should be placed in such a position that they might easily be consulted by those wishing to refer to them.

WHAT CANADA CAN DO.

If Hon. G. W. Ross is not a success in providing simon pure government for Ontario, he at least has the faculty of saying very good things when he is on his feet at an after dinner speech or on the public platform, and for that reason he is very much in demand, even if out of office, which is unusual in the case of a defeated politician. Speaking at the banquet to Premier Gouin at Montreal a few nights ago he said:

"A distinguished person has said that Canada is progressing backwards like a snail. If so, it is from Quebec to Montreal, from Montreal to the Great Lakes, from the Great Lakes to the Rockies, from the Rockies to the Pacific coast, and from the wide Pacific to the Orient. Canada has gone back across the whole continent in the last two hundred years. (Cheers.) It was said we have no artists in Canada. True, we have no artists in the Louvre. But we take landscapes of Quebec and Ontario, and on them we paint cities, schools and universities and great enterprises. Our canvas is the prairies of the West, with the peaceful habitation of the settler, the camp of the miner and lumber man. That is the work in which our Canadian artists are employed. (Loud applause.)

"We have no sculptors. We have not reached the age of marble yet. Ours is the age of granite. We are hewing nations out of the rocks, and that work, I trust, will give content to the sculptor of the future and more artistic occupations. We are making history—by and by some Macaulay will arise to write it. We shall produce our Dickens and Thackeray and our Balzac and Zola in good time." (Applause.)

BRITISH COLUMBIA FRUIT IN LONDON.

Up to the present we have not observed that the eastern newspapers have gone into raptures over the result of the competition of British Columbia fruit with that of Eastern Canada at the Royal Horticultural exhibition; in fact there has been very little said about it at all. The Montreal Witness, however, is not sparing in its appreciation, and has this to say, which it could not have said better: "The magnificent display of apples from British Columbia, shown at the Horticultural Society's exhibition in London, is a gratifying reminder that the Pacific province has other sources of wealth than its minerals. Fruit-growing is the task of paradise while mining has been often poetically compared with the conditions of the nether regions. Like California, British Columbia has, in its fruit-producing valleys, the promise of more benign conditions of life, as well as of more permanent wealth than it has in its gold mines. The success of the apple exhibition from our westernmost province will be another important lesson for the British public on the variety and extent of the productivity of the Dominion. And this is only a beginning. When it is realized in Great Britain that here is a country as large as the United States capable of producing in abundance the most excellent fruit as well as of grain, cattle, cheese, butter, bacon and all other foodstuffs, with only six million inhabitants, the conviction must follow that in Canada, if anywhere, lies the hope for her over-crowded and unemployed population."

Peace on earth, good will to men is a message that will not be wholly applicable to Victoria this Christmas, with a Royal Commission and a heavy water works litigation on its hands.

Madame Sarah Bernhardt finally got away from Canada without being hit with a single egg. This is owing to Sir Wilfrid's timely intervention and sunny ways.

It would appear from the evidence given at the Royal Commission now in session that one of the most difficult things in the world to do is to draw a straight line—more difficult, for instance, than for an official to draw a salary, a lawyer to draw the attention of the court to his points, or for the judge to draw conclusions.

There is an agitation in the maritime provinces for a reform in public dinners. It is demanded that dinners should begin earlier and that the toast list should be cut in two, both admirable suggestions.

Mr. Dan Mann has authorized the announcement in the papers that the Canadian Northern railway will be running into Calgary within twenty-four months. That fact will compensate the people of Calgary in some measure for the location of the Alberta capital at Edmonton, about which there does not seem to be any matter of doubt now.

The other day, to enforce his political tenets Chamberlain quoted a poem with the line: "Our feet Antarctic Ocean's feet." We judge from this that his party have already got cold feet.—The Ottawa Free Press.

Whatever may be the inference from the quotation in question, the facts are dead against it being the case.

The London Outlook expresses apprehension that Canada may turn to the United States for the discussion of mutually advantageous trade relations. The Ottawa Citizen remarks that the apprehension may not be unjustified if Great Britain continues to shilly-shally over the question of establishing reciprocal trade relations with the rest of the empire. She can offer no reciprocal relations so long as the anti-Chamberlain party of free traders control her destinies and it is only a question how long the rest of the empire is going to wait upon her indecision.

A shipment of game birds from the Scandinavian peninsula has been received at St. Paul and consigned to the big Grand Island (Lake Superior) game preserve. This is the second shipment, the first consisting of 150 specimens of capercaillie. The latest consignment consists of hazel grouse and "dal rype," the latter a beautiful bird with white plumage, and a member of the grouse family. The hazel grouse is said to be a very hardy bird. These are the only specimens of their kind and are said to be rare in Sweden, except in districts remote from civilization.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

[The Editor does not hold himself responsible for views expressed by correspondents.]

BELMONT STREET.

Sir—Permit me to call the attention of the Mayor and council to the disgraceful condition of Belmont avenue. The city workmen are taking the mud off Cadboro Bay road and dumping it on the avenue, and thereby making it unfit for traffic.

A RATEPAYER.

Victoria, B. C., December 19, 1905.

WHAT REAL PROPERTY DOES.

Sir—Mr. Phil. R. Smith in your issue of today asks the following questions, and invites my reply: "1. Are the property owners responsible for the present taxation by reason of an excessive charge on real estate values in the past compelling an extension in area more than doubling the requirements?" Most certainly not. Men, whose occupation keeps them within the existing limits of a town, naturally seek for their health sake the freer air of the more open country, to create the necessity for our-door exercise, to enjoy the pleasures of the garden after the hours of work, and to provide themselves, but for their growing families. It is of the first importance to the public health of the community. The laws of supply and demand regulate the price of land like every other commodity. Provide but the facilities for rapid locomotion and frequent service, and the town, for residential purposes, will expand in every direction, whilst the central portion will be taken up for commercial purposes as trade advances.

"2. Is it not a fact that large unimproved tracts of land within the city limits are of comparatively taxation with small and improved property?"

As improvements are taxed separately from land, it is self-evident that the city derives less taxation from a vacant lot than from an improved one. But what is the underlying reason? Take an analogous case. A merchant buys, say, a cargo of wine or anything that improves in value by keeping. It is a speculation in advance of the market; he pays storage and interest on the capital invested. He will sell at any time, unless he wishes to compound his interest; but the selling price, as a simple commercial proposition, is clearly below prime cost, storage, interest and profit. It is just the same with land. That land—not the temporary owner of empty and undeveloped property, but the community—year by year, profit or no profit. That land, in its vacant state, has kept the city from bankruptcy all these years; has paid every cent of its public improvements out of its loans, sinking fund and interest. That is what this land has done. It is the backbone of the city, around which the growth and flesh of progress have safely grown. If, on the other hand, that land had been the property of the city it must have paid no taxes or in any way contributed to the public benefit.

Most property owners, like other merchants, are willing to sell on a fair commercial basis; but the same principles of equity that govern the dealings in groceries and dry goods should obtain in the dealings in land. If a man chooses to store his wine for future consumption, why should he not store his land or his groceries in the same way?

Take the last year's municipal report, and we find that the total liabilities of the city exclusive of local improvements amount to about two and a quarter million dollars; the annual charge for interest and sinking fund is \$145,285, which sum is collected by a special debt rate on land and improvements. Not only do the property owners pay the whole of the civic debt but they pay a second general rate levied on land improvements, making the amount collected from them \$251,027 out of the total ordinary civic revenue of \$413,061. This is exclusive of education and board of health, to which they again subscribe pro rata as other tax payers.

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W. C. T. U. Meeting.—The W. C. T. U. will meet today at 3 p. m. in their rooms on Yates street. As this will be the last meeting this year, the members are urgently requested to be present as matters of great importance will be discussed.

Northwest Travelers.—At the annual meeting of the Northwest Commercial Travelers' Association officers were elected for British Columbia as follows: Vice president for Vancouver, E. F. Gerster; vice president for Victoria, W. W. Duncan; directors for Vancouver, C. P. Egan, F. A. Richardson; director for Victoria, J. C. Devlin; director for New Westminster, Fred Lumy; director for Kootenay, George Nunn.

Celebrates Birthday.—Today Mr. Thomas Potter, proprietor of the Lion Brewery hotel, Spring Ridge, celebrates his eighty-first birthday. He has invited a large number of guests to partake of his hospitality on the occasion and a merry gathering will result in consequence, he having a host of friends who will wish him many happy returns of the day. Mr. Andrew Tolmie has been appointed master of ceremonies for the day and has arranged to give all who call a splendid reception.

Concluding Lecture.—Tomorrow evening the concluding lecture of the Victoria College course will be given by Rev. Thos. W. Gladstone. The subject will be "A Peep at the Old Country—Hampshire and the New Forest." The lecture will be illustrated by many stereoscopic views of notable scenery associated with the subject and will include a wealth of reminiscences of such famous men as Watts, Gilbert White, Tennyson, Dickens, Shelley, George Herbert Nelson and others.

Canada to Mexico.—A macadamized trunk highway running from the British Columbia line through the states of Washington, Oregon and California to the borders of Mexico is the undertaking planned by the King County Good Roads association. At its meeting yesterday, at which County Commissioners Smith and Abrams and County Surveyor Valentine were present, James B. Meikle introduced a resolution providing for a macadamized thoroughfare from the northern line of Snohomish county through King county to Pierce and thence south to Mexico.

Nanaimo Poultry Show.—Quite a number of Victorians take a yearly interest in the Nanaimo poultry society, which will hold its annual show on January 23, 24 and 25, and considerable interest is being manifested in the event by fanciers. As usual the society will make sure of the very best judging by securing the services of an expert poultry man from the east, being Mr. Jos. Bennett of St. Thomas, Ont. Besides the poultry show will be in former years, be an exhibition of pet stock, including pigeons, rabbits, canaries, etc., in all of which lines there has always been a good showing at the Nanaimo annual exhibition.

Anti-Tuberculosis League.—At the annual meeting of the Anti-Tuberculosis association it was decided to have the annual concert of the society on Shrove Tuesday. Mrs. Bullen, Mrs. Croft and Mrs. Hermann Robertson were appointed a stage for concert. The new members for the month are: Rev. Mr. Sweet and Mrs. Sweet, Mrs. Talbot, Mrs. Beauchamp Tye and Mrs. Clute. It was resolved that this association be affiliated with the Local Council of Women. The officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Bullen; vice-president, Mrs. Stuart (pro tem); treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Mara (pro tem); secretary, Mrs. Elliott Rowe.

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If you are leaving town by boat or train, ring up Phone 249 and have your baggage promptly delivered by Pacific Transfer Co.

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The Afternoon Tea at "The Palms," 44 Fort St., is one of the things to be participated in to enable one to realize the full value of such a resort.

Use telephone to New Westminster.

Confer Degrees.—Tomorrow evening Victoria lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F., will confer degrees. A very full attendance of members is desired.

Hospital Donations.—Gifts of turkeys, geese, etc., for the patients at the Jubilee hospital will be gladly received or sent for by informing the housekeeper at that institution. The hospital telephone number is 506.

Friendly Help.—All who intend sending donations to be distributed by the Friendly Help Society are asked to send them to the rooms, market hall, today. The ladies hope to distribute the Christmas boxes tomorrow. The rooms will be closed from Friday, December 22, until January 2.

On Big Game.—The December number of "Outing" contains an article on mule deer hunting in British Columbia by a well known sportsman of Kelowna, Mr. R. G. Leckie. It is very interesting and will no doubt be largely read by local big game men.

A Novel Enterprise.—Captain J. A. Cates, of Vancouver, has addressed a circular letter to members of the business community, saying that he proposes, if the necessary sanction can be obtained from the Provincial Legislature, to organize a company to export lumber to Southern California on rafts instead of by schooners as it has been done in the past.

Left For Toronto.—Says the Vancouver News-Advertiser of yesterday: Mr. J. B. Hobson, manager of the Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company, came up from Victoria yesterday and left for Toronto in the afternoon. Mr. Hobson and family, accompanied by Mr. W. N. Bissett, foreman for the company, and his family, have gone to California.

Fumigation of Fruit.—In consequence of the many inquiries as to the effect that fumigation by hydrocyanic acid gas has on fruit and the fear that has been expressed as to the unwholesomeness of fruit so treated; the Colonist made enquiries at the department of agriculture regarding the matter and was informed that whilst the gas generated during fumigation is a most deadly enemy to insect and animal life it has no effect whatever on vegetation; and fruit so treated is in no manner impaired in its quality and is perfectly wholesome for consumption.

E. & N. Employees.—In order to allow the employees of the E. & N. railway an opportunity to spend Christmas at home no trains will be run on that day. There will be the regular service on New Year's Day. Excursion rates will be in effect between all points for the holiday season, tickets being on sale from Saturday, December 22, until Monday, January 1, good for return until Tuesday, January 2. This will afford an opportunity for friends or relatives to spend either Christmas Day or New Year's Day with friends at different points along the line.

Addition to Business.—Messrs. Fletcher Bros. have recently enlarged their premises by the addition of a splendid recital hall at the rear of their former showroom, which will accommodate over one hundred people. The hall is sixty feet in length and twenty feet wide. Its outstanding feature, however, is the acoustic properties of the chamber, which are perfect for the purpose for which it was designed. This has been accomplished by using high ceilings of about eighteen feet and employing a dome finish. The light comes from fireproof skylights and floods the whole room with a soft illumination.

College Paper.—The Christmas number of the Victoria College paper is now completed and will be gladly welcomed by a great many. The copies present a very pleasing appearance. The contents are entirely original and all have been arranged by the pupils themselves. The paper will be printed each month hereafter and will be more elaborately decorated than this issue, owing to lack of time in getting out this number not much decoration was prepared. Although 500 copies have been printed it does not seem that they will be sufficient for the many who wish to secure one of them. Copies will be on sale tomorrow, (Dec. 21st) at Pope's Stationery store and also at the college after the Friday night lecture. The price has been fixed at 10c for the first issue to help defray expenses.

Price of Logs.—The Lumberman and Contractor in a recent issue says: "Logs are rather high in price just now. They are selling from 5c to 6c—5c for rough, 7c for merchantable, and 9c for flooring. It is difficult to say what logs will bring in the near future. Near all the mills are in short supply, and the logs cut up the coast are pretty well contracted for. It is too late now to talk of weather conditions affecting the market. The logs cannot be cut and sent to market in time to ease the demand, and the outlook seems rather gloomy for cheap logs. There is only one relief for the millman—if he can buy the logs cheaply enough to manufacture lumber at present prices. Lumber must advance in price to keep pace with the price of logs."

W. C. T. U. Mission.—The W. C. T. U. mission is now being organized by a large number of men, and it might be a convenience for them to get light lunches for five or ten cents at any hour of the day from 9 a. m. to 9:30 p. m. A very pleasant reading room and a few rooms are fitted up. The following donations to the mission are gratefully acknowledged: Blinds, Weller Bros.; rocking chair, Mrs. Stephens; kettle, Mr. Storman; wall paper, Mrs. Harkness; sixteen hymn books, Mr. Hibben; a large Bible, a friend; two mattresses, Mr. Bitancourt; one mattress and bedstead, Mrs. Crovther; one sawpan, Mr. Plitt; two traps, Mr. Eaton; one dozen towels, Lenz & Leiser; one table, Mrs. Wellwood; one table, Mr. Siddall; bedding and tablecloth, Mrs. Hart; one quilt, Mrs. Thompson; paint and oil, Mr. Andrews; samples of cotton, Mr. Okell; samples of cloth, Mr. Beckwith; butter, Mrs. Dowler; groceries, a friend; biscuits, Watson & Hall; fruit, Miss Bailey; free express, Mr. King; free express, Mr. Ester; laying two carpets, J. Sharp; painting rooms, C. Young; cleaning curtains, Mr. William. A little bedding will furnish the rest of the rooms and the rent obtained from them will assist the work.

Morris Chairs, Tables, Oilcloths, Agate ware, etc., purchased from Plitt to the House Furnisher, will entitle you to coupons for the drawing, December 30th, 53 Douglas St., Balmoral Block.

Many a new article can be bought at the old church, corner Broad and Pandora street, one-half of regular prices and suitable for Christmas gifts.

If you have wet feet don't fail to look up Jackson & Smith 52 Port street. Men's seven soles, in 15 minutes, 75c., women's seven soles, 50c.; the best men's rubber heels put on, 45c., women's, 50c.

Use telephone to Ladysmith.

INSPECTION OF FRUIT.

Japanese Consul Takes Action Respecting Fumigation of Oranges.

The Japanese Consul at Vancouver addressed the following communication to Mr. Inspector Cunningham, under date of the 15th inst.
"Sir—I have read in the press of yesterday the report regarding the Japanese oranges lately imported in which were found by you the San Jose scale. If the report is true, I shall notify at once the proper authorities in Japan and take the necessary steps to prevent the coming of such oranges here.
"I shall be extremely obliged if you will let me know about the result of your inspection thereof.
"Hoping I shall be favored with a reply at your earliest convenience.
K. MORIKAWA."

On Mr. Cunningham replying and giving the result of his inspections, the consul called to his government to the effect that hereafter only clean fruit must be shipped to this province.

We are informed at the department of agriculture that no such general infestation has heretofore appeared on Japanese fruit.

In consequence of this new development, it has been decided that all citrus fruits shall in future be inspected at the following scale of fees:
Japanese Oranges 1 cent per box.
Other Oranges 3 cents per box.
Lemons 3 cents per box.

THE SAVONAS BRIDGE

In Course of Construction—Will Be Ready Next May.

To the intense disgust and disappointment of a certain section of the Liberal party in this riding active work has been commenced on the long promised bridge over the North Thompson river at Savonas, says the Kamloops Standard.

The appropriation for the bridge was first made in 1902 by the Prior administration, but owing to various reasons was not expended. When the Conservatives came in power in 1903 the state of finances would not permit of the expenditure, but now the government find themselves in a position to carry out the much needed work and instructions have been given for it to be done this winter.

The new bridge will be built about 500 yards east of the site of the old one, which was swept away by the high water in the spring of 1894, and will be similar in structure to the South Thompson bridge at Kamloops. It will have three spans of 164 feet each and three smaller spans, making a total length over all of nearly 800 feet.

Preparations are being made for driving the piles for the false work next week. For the remainder of the pile driving an automatic pile driver is being procured from the east and is expected to arrive this month. In the meantime the rock for the mattresses is being blasted and hauled.

Supt. A. Stephenson was in Kamloops this week and informed a Standard representative that he expected to have the bridge completed by the beginning of May.

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New Bags, New Belts, New Fans & Umbrellas

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New Chiffon and Silk Stocks New Linen Wash Stocks New Lace Stocks New Lace Berthas	New Chiffon Scarves New Lace Scarves New Feather and Knock-about Stoles New Lace Fronts
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Cloak Department

Anything in this Department will be sold at Special Prices for the Balance of this Week

Coats Cloth Skirts Silk and Voile Skirts Children's Dresses	Suits Silk Petticoats Silk Waists Bath Robes Tea Gowns
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STOCK MARKETS

New York, Dec. 20.—Under cover of further advances in certain issues which have recently been conspicuous for their strength, today's stock market was subjected to considerable liquidation in the form of profit taking. As a result the general tendency of the list was irregular if not reactionary. Nevertheless, the market gave ample evidence of inherent strength and resisted with no little success the efforts of the short interest, whose commitments are supposed to have increased materially since Monday's developments.

Chicago, events which guided the list in one direction or the other, included easy money on time and call, a further decline in exchange and vague warnings of financial disorder which emanated from a familiar New England source. The most noteworthy feature of the day was Union Pacific, which scored a new high record on a very heavy volume of business. The concurrent strength of the IRII railway shares furnished additional food for speculation and predictions of a readjustment of the railway situation in the West and North. That some degree of liquidation is under way is the firm conviction of those who buy and sell securities. In marked contrast to the strength of Union Pacific was the weakness of Southern Pacific. People's Gas was decidedly weak as a result of the coming dividend reduction, and the extreme weakness of Consolidated Gas was presumably in sympathy. The early advance took in practically all the Grangers and coal carriers, as well as the trunk lines. In the industrial group the metal stocks and sugar were strong. Sentiment abroad was inclined to bearishness, and with its usual caution London seemed disposed to reduce its holdings over the approaching holidays. The market became dull after midday with a trend towards lower prices. This movement gathered its greatest force in the last half of the hour, when a revival of the rumors of bank trouble, which rose to 16 per cent, and produced a flood of selling orders. The heavy offerings of stocks which the early gains in such issues as Americanized Copper and Smelting and that prices were in numerous instances below those of the previous day.

Bonds were firm; total sales, par value, \$1,000,000. United States new fours declined 1-4 per cent, on call.

Money Markets

New York, Dec. 20.—Money on call firm; highest 10 per cent.; lowest 6 1/2 per cent. Ruling rate 7 1/2 per cent.; last loan 10 per cent. closing bid 9 per cent.; offered 10 per cent. Time money firm; 30 days, 90 days and six months, 6 per cent. Close: Prime mercantile paper 5 1/2 to 6 per cent. Sterling exchange easy, at \$4.84 1/2 to 4.90 for demand, and at \$4.82 1/2 to \$4.85 for sixty day bills. Mexican bills \$4.82 1/2 to \$4.85. Bar silver 65 1/2 to 66 dollars 50 1/4. Government bonds easy. Railroad bonds firm.

Metal Markets

New York, Dec. 20.—Lead, \$5.55. London, Dec. 20.—Lead, 47.

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NEW YORK STOCKS.

(Reported by F. W. Stevenson.)
 New York, Dec. 20.—The following quotations ruled on the Stock Exchange today:
 Open. High. Low. Close.
 A. T. & S. F. 87 1/2 87 3/4 86 1/2 87
 Preferred 112 1/2 112 3/4 111 1/2 112 1/2
 B. & O. 80 1/2 80 3/4 79 3/4 80
 C. P. R. 173 1/2 174 173 1/2 173 1/2
 Erie Ry. 48 1/2 49 47 1/2 48 1/2
 L. & N. 152 152 1/2 151 151 1/2
 Man. L. 163 163 1/2 162 163
 Met. St. Ry. 121 122 120 1/2 121 1/2
 N. Y. C. & H. R. 102 1/2 102 3/4 101 1/2 102 1/2
 N. Y. Cent. 118 119 117 1/2 118 1/2
 N. Y. O. & W. 51 51 1/2 50 51 1/2
 Penn. Ry. 140 141 139 1/2 140 1/2
 Reading Ry. 130 131 129 1/2 130 1/2
 Rock Island 23 1/2 23 3/4 23 1/2 23 3/4
 Son. Pac. 65 1/2 66 1/2 64 1/2 65 1/2
 St. Paul 179 180 178 180
 Union Pac. 117 118 116 117 1/2
 Wash. Ry. 20 1/2 20 3/4 20 1/2 20 3/4
 Preferred 40 1/2 40 3/4 40 1/2 40 3/4
 Amal. Copper 99 1/2 100 98 1/2 99 1/2
 Anaconda 162 163 160 162 1/2
 Am. Sugar 15 1/2 15 3/4 15 1/2 15 3/4
 Cent. Leather 55 55 1/2 54 55 1/2
 Int. Paper 102 1/2 102 3/4 101 1/2 102 1/2
 T. C. L. 142 142 140 140 1/2
 U. S. Steel 38 1/2 38 3/4 37 1/2 38 1/2
 Preferred 10 1/2 10 3/4 10 1/2 10 3/4
 Western Union 20 1/2 20 3/4 20 1/2 20 3/4
 New York Central rights 6 1/2. Total sales, 1,325,000 shares.

World's Visible Supply

(Reported by F. W. Stevenson.)
 Wheat increased 1,466,000 bushels.
 Corn increased 1,835,000 bushels.
 Oats decreased 188,000 bushels.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

(Reported by F. W. Stevenson.)
 Chicago, Dec. 20.—The following quotations ruled on the Board of Trade today:
 Open. High. Low. Close.
 Wheat, No. 2 81 1/2 81 3/4 80 1/2 81 1/2
 May 81 1/2 81 3/4 80 1/2 81 1/2
 July 81 1/2 81 3/4 80 1/2 81 1/2
 Corn, No. 2 35 1/2 35 3/4 34 1/2 35 1/2
 Dec. 35 1/2 35 3/4 34 1/2 35 1/2
 May 35 1/2 35 3/4 34 1/2 35 1/2
 July 35 1/2 35 3/4 34 1/2 35 1/2
 Oats, No. 2 23 1/2 23 3/4 22 1/2 23 1/2
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 July 23 1/2 23 3/4 22 1/2 23 1/2
 Pork—
 Jan. 13.50 13.50 13.40 13.40
 May 13.65 13.65 13.55 13.55
 Liverpool Wheat
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 May 68.10 68.10 68.10 68.10

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Municipal Association.—A meeting of the Victoria West Municipal Voters' association will be held at the club rooms, Victoria West this evening. Apportionment of the question of the Songhees Reserve and a Public park for North Ward will be made. A full evening of routine work awaits the consideration of members and it is earnestly desired that the residents of the locality show the appreciation of the association's efforts by their behalf during the past year by making it a point to attend.

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COLONIAL FRUIT FOR ENGLAND

Comment by a British Exchange on the B. C. Exhibit in England.

A Colonist reader sends a clipping from a late Old Country paper which reads as follows: Why should British consumers go to foreign countries for fruit when they can obtain the same as cheaply and of equal quality from their own kith and kin overseas? The answer is obvious. It is better to trade within the limits of the Empire whenever possible, and with this point in view much pain has been taken, lately to bring the produce of colonial orchards prominently into the home market. The exhibition of fruit chiefly from the Dominion of West Indies, which opens today at the Royal Horticultural society's hall in Vincent Square, Westminster, is the latest outcome of this endeavor. Especially noteworthy is the great display of apples made by the agent-general for British Columbia, expert opinion being that these are of such excellent quality and so well suited to the needs of consumers in this country that they cannot fail to establish a great reputation, and probably in time displace most fruit of the same kind which we have hitherto bought from countries fixing a heavy tariff upon our own produce. British Columbia, indeed, promises to become the great apple growing country of the future. Hitherto the whole harvest of its orchards has been taken up by neighboring colonies; but during the past season 600,000 more trees have been planted, and in a climate in which late spring frosts, such as those causing so much damage with us, are almost unknown, its future in this direction seems assured. With good Copper and Smelting and that prices were in numerous instances below those of the previous day.

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TWO FURNACES TO SMELT.

Second Plant of Dominion Copper Co. to "Blow in" at New Year.

It is now the expectation of W. C. Thomas, superintendent of the Dominion Copper Company's smelting works at Boundary Falls, to blow in the second furnace at those works in about two weeks. One says the Phoenix Pioneer. Two weeks ago the first furnace was placed in blast by Mr. Thomas, and since then has been doing very satisfactory work. It is understood, unofficially. Approximately 350 tons of ore per day have been smelted, the ore all coming from the company's mines at Stewiander and Rawlins mines at Phoenix camp, and from their Sunset mine in Deadwood camp, the latter being used as a flux.

A number of improvements have been made by Mr. Thomas since he assumed charge at the smelter, and with his force of some 60 men he is getting excellent results. The matte from the Dominion Copper Company's smelter is converted at the converting works of the British Columbia Copper Company at Greenwood, a carload being treated every two or three days.

With the blowing in of the second furnace at this smelter the daily output of the company's mines in this camp will also be doubled. At present the company has about 100 men all told on its payroll, which number will be materially increased with the increase of output soon to take place. The monthly payroll of the company in this camp, which took place this week, distributed about \$10,000 in wages alone here from the one company. With that of the Granite Company here, which also took place at the same time, between \$50,000 and \$60,000 was paid out here to miners for November payroll.

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Did you ever see any one trying to wash themselves without soap or water? If you did, what would you say of him? It is every bit as foolish to try to get rid of dandruff and to prevent baldness by feeding the germ which cause it with Cantharides, Vaseline, Glycerine and similar substances which form the principal ingredients of most so-called Hair Growers. Hericide Hericide is successful because it attacks and kills the parasitic germ which feeds on the hair roots. It is the original and only genuine scalp germicide made and sold by leading druggists. Send for stamps for sample to The Hericide Co., Detroit, Mich. C. H. Bowers & Co., 98 Government St., Special Agents.

VICTORIA TIDE TABLE

December.
 (Issued by the Tidal Survey Branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)
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Weekly Closed Season Endorsed

Proceedings at Meeting of Fishery Interests Held at Seattle on Monday.

Urge the Prohibition of Fishing Above Bridge at New Westminster.

At a meeting of the fishing interests of Puget sound held in Seattle on Monday the weekly closed season was endorsed and a resolution adopted asking that fishing above Westminster bridge on the Fraser river be prohibited. The meeting was characterized by warm debate and the larger fishing interests and the fish commissioners were charged by fishermen with ignoring the weekly closed law during the last season. The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing measures for the protection of the fisheries and to make recommendations to the Washington fisheries commission.

All of the different fishing interests were represented in the meeting, about fifty cannermen, trap owners and fishermen being present. The fishermen were in the majority and united in opposition to a yearly closed season. The entire discussion was on the subject of closed season, but the advocates of the closed year were in such a minority that the subject was not brought before the meeting for indorsement or rejection.

Charged Violations of Law
Almost with the opening of the meeting, Ed Rosenberg, representing the Fishermen's union, commenced the fight by attacking Fish Commissioner Kershaw and E. R. Denning, manager of the Pacific American Fisheries. He charged that the company represented by Mr. Denning had grossly violated the closed season law during the past season and that the fish commissioners had not enforced the law as it should have been. He charged that the law was applied in general terms and that the fisheries proper protection and mean the saving of the industry.

Mr. Denning was not present to respond to the attack made against his company, but as the charge of violations was made in general terms against all of the Sound packing companies, a general discussion of the conditions was held. Some of the cannermen present took Mr. Rosenberg to task for the broad assertions which he made and charged that counter charges were made on the floor of the convention.

T. J. Gorman, chairman of the fisheries commission, and interested in several of the canning companies of the Sound, took up the charges against Fish Commissioner Kershaw and said that in his opinion every effort had been made by the fish commissioner to enforce the law, and if any violations were not taken up by the department, it was due to the inadequate force of the office. He said it was impossible for the department to watch the entire Sound with only one boat and a few deputies.

Fish Commissioner Replies
S. F. George, a fisherman of the Nooksack river, stated that the law was not observed on this stream any more than if the legislature had never enacted the bill.

In replying to these statements, Fish Commissioner Kershaw called attention to the statement which he made during the fishing season, when he asked for further assistance in the department and offered to deputize any fishermen who would volunteer their services to assist in securing evidence against the traps that were alleged to be fishing during the weekly closed period. He further stated that more arrests were made on the Nooksack river and more gear seized on that stream than in any other section of the state where salmon fishing was being conducted.

Speaking for the fishermen on the closed season question, S. F. George said that the big canning interests were

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the only ones that wanted a closed year and that all of the other interests were satisfied that the thirty-six-hour weekly closed season law would meet all the requirements if properly enforced. He said if any of the canning companies desired to close during any season, he would be unable to make expenses that they should be allowed to do so without impairing their trap locations, but that the poor men, who made their living by fishing, should be forced to cease work, for the same purpose of benefiting the large corporations.

After refusing to take action on a resolution recommending to congress that the duty be removed on Canadian salmon, the recommendation to the weekly closed season law and to ask the British Columbia fisheries commission to recommend the passage of a law making it unlawful to take sockeye salmon in the Fraser river above the Westminster bridge was adopted.

Expect Fight From Canadians
It is expected by the commission that the request to the Canadian commission will meet with a fight on the part of the British Columbia fishing interests, as a great many sockeye are taken each year above the Westminster bridge and the fishermen and canning interests will object to the territory being restricted.

T. J. Gorman, chairman of the Washington fisheries commission, stated to a reporter for the Post-Intelligencer, at the conclusion of the meeting, that the commission would be guided to a great extent by the action of the meeting. He said the recommendation asking that the Fraser river be restricted to the territory below Westminster bridge would be presented to the Canadian commission at the next joint session and that the Washington commission would work to secure the concession from the Canadians.

Mr. Gorman declared that the failure of the convention to act on the yearly closed season and the recommendation to the thirty-six-hour law be continued as the only closed law measure would shape the policy of the commission in the joint conference to determine on necessary international legislation.

While it was originally intended to hold a session lasting two days, the matter regarding the closing was the only matter of importance, and the meeting closed with the settlement of that question.

SHOP WINDOWS ARE ATTRACTIVE
Some Xmas Displays Which Are Worthy of Special Mention.

Following are more references to the magnificent displays made at the holiday season by the local shopkeepers.

M. W. Waitt & Co.
Messrs. M. W. Waitt & Co. have a very unique window attraction. This being in the form of dummy orchestra— the figures being in the form of a company of negro minstrels. The figures are life-size and are seated in the attitudes as would be assumed by such a company, in the front window. A fine gramophone supplies the necessary music, accompanying and altogether the display is a most realistic one.

Campbell's
This house is essentially a ladies' outfitting emporium, and since its establishment has won a name for itself that is not merely local but has become famous in the province as well as abroad, the latter more particularly through the agency of the heavy tourist travel during the past few years, for its high-class and up-to-date commodities in all kinds of wearing apparel for ladies. It is a well-known fact that this popular house keeps in touch with all the leading fashion centres of the world, even that there is nothing new or natty even makes its appearance to the light of day but very soon finds its way to Campbell's ladies' outfitting establishment. The windows are very suitably dressed, showing some very fine effects for evening wear, as well as for the festive season, and what you don't see in the windows will certainly be found inside.

Clay's
Clay's confectionery and pastry store, Fort Street, will be found famous for fine pastries, cakes and the quality of the goods supplied at this popular establishment is too well-known to require much comment here. Clay's is not only one of the great afternoon rendezvous of the city, but is also headquarters for much of the Christmas shopping. The windows here are very fine effects for evening wear, as well as for the festive season, and what you don't see in the windows will certainly be found inside.

The West End Grocery
This is one of Victoria's leading groceries and cannot help but attract the attention of the passer by. The appearance as well as the volume of business of the West End has been gradually improving ever since the regime of Mr. S. Heald, its present manager, until today it is very doubtful whether it has a peer on the Pacific coast. The windows of this house come store are perfect gems and will far outstrip anything in window dressing attempted on any former occasion, and it would, in fact, be difficult for a judge in such matters to refrain from giving this window show the palm. It will, however, suffice to note that in this window display, everything that is usually associated with really sumptuous Christmas feast. It makes the mouth water to look at the collection of delicious things. In these windows is arranged one of the largest, most varied and choice selections of wines and liquors, fit for the table of peer or peasant and priced to suit the purses of all. The artistic manner of

arrangement to the store windows yesterday delighted crowds of onlookers. Interspersed with finest liquid refreshments which at this season help to make it festive and trimmed with strips of holly and decorated with flowers, it is a sight worth seeing and one that causes the passer by to linger, and the praise accorded this enterprising Victoria firm is well deserved, while Mr. S. Heald, the manager and his worthy assistants, are deserving of great credit for the skill displayed in the arrangement of these handsome windows.

Saunders' Grocery
This old and favorite store on Johnson street, which is under the management of Mr. J. Lea, is also gaily and artistically decorated for the holiday trade and the windows, which have always been noted for their attractive and interesting contents, are this year more especially attractive than ever before. A specialty of choice liquors is made by this firm, their fame in this respect being by no means confined to this city. In Christmas fruits, potted, tinned and bottled delicacies the Saunders' grocery will always be found well supplied, while the arrangement of everything is most tasteful. To attempt to chronicle even the minutiae of the delightful things in this bountifully stocked store would be impossible. The growth of the business and the general appearance of the store marks its manager as one who thoroughly understands his business and the right man behind the gun.

Mowat's Grocery
This business house is situated on the corner of Yates and Douglas streets. Mr. Robert Mowat, the proprietor, is a popular and progressive establishment, is a thorough business man and is dedicated to the policy of the popularity and extensive custom which his business has acquired. The Christmas decorations are extremely tasteful and are a sight for Christmas eyes. Carrying, as this house always does, a most carefully selected stock of the highest class of goods, they are always in a position to make a show window of the most tempting array of just the very identical things the Christmas shopper requires.

Brown & Cooper
This firm, though they deal in all kinds of fresh, salted and smoked fish, are by no means fishy, but are business men of the first water and have been successfully catering to the public many years as fish, fruit and game dealers. Their business throughout the city grew to such proportions that they found it necessary for the convenience of their customers to open up a few more branches. Johnson street store being sometimes a little out of the way for the convenience of people living over the bay. Everything in season in all their lines will be found here, and they keep a large stock of fresh fish, and clean in either of Brown & Cooper's stores, as well as the stores themselves. In fact, both of their stores will be found at this season to be most suggestive of the festive season to the eye, with their elegant display of native turkeys, geese, ducks, chickens and game of different kinds strung around their store windows. In fact, for a stranger unaccustomed to the capacity and taste of Victorians for good living would be apt to draw the conclusion that the citizens of Victoria could never see a poor day again. Messrs. Brown & Cooper have a fish-curing establishment for the convenience of their large and increasing trade, where they smoke and cure all kinds of fish, their product being equal to any on the market, no matter from what part of the world it comes. From a business standpoint, Brown & Cooper will always be found up to the mark and good men to do business with.

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Tells of Coup At Korea's Capital

Japanese Soldiers Guard Palace Where Pressure Was Made on Emperor.

Minister Was Raving Mad After Session and Another Minister Suicided.

Rev. S. H. Cartwright, an Anglican missionary, for many years in Japan, and for the last year resident at Seoul, Korea, engaged in mission work among the Japanese and Koreans, arrived from the Korean capital on the steamer Kanagawa Maru yesterday, and in an interview with a Colonist reporter told of the recent coup d'etat by which Marquis Ito, on behalf of Japan, secured a treaty by whose terms Korea became a protectorate of Japan.

Rev. Mr. Cartwright says the Korean palace was constantly guarded by a cordon of Japanese soldiery. No one was permitted to leave while the negotiations were in progress, although no action was taken to prevent persons entering the palace. On arrival in Seoul, Marquis Ito and his staff had taken up their residence at the Japanese legation, which is about half an hour's walk from the palace. The negotiations proceeded quietly, the Japanese continuing insistently and the Koreans obdurate. Of course, what happened inside the palace was not generally known, but Mr. Cartwright was disinclined to believe the report that bayonets had been used to induce the Korean emperor and his ministers to sign the treaty.

Korean Minister Banished
It was reported in Seoul that the Japanese had banished Minister or Councillor Han, one of the best men in the Korean cabinet since the departure of Yi Yong Ik for France, but it seems he was banished by the Korean emperor for a space. After an all-night session of the Japanese mission and the Korean government, Councillor Han became raving mad. He tore his clothing into strips and ran, a raving maniac, into the bed chamber of the emperor at 3 o'clock in the morning, causing considerable commotion. It was on this account that he was ordered banished. Minister Min, as has been reported, committed suicide after the treaty was signed.

The Koreans do not take kindly to the protectorate. The stories of Japanese misadministration and bad policy in Korea, Rev. Mr. Cartwright says, have been exaggerated. The Japanese expropriated large tracts of land at Ping Yang and Seoul for military purposes and the owners were dispossessed, sometimes rudely of necessity. It is not true, though, that the Japanese will not recompense those who owned the land. At Seoul a large tract about three miles square in the river valley just outside the walls of the city was taken. A commission had been appointed with three Japanese and two Korean members to adjust the amount of compensation due the farmers who were dispossessed of their lands and crops. Mr. Cartwright believes the Japanese occupation will be much better for Korea.

The Feeling in Korea
How the Koreans feel thus explained by a correspondent of the Seoul Weekly Press. He says: "Foreigners sometimes think the Korean not sensitive, but the Spectator thinks otherwise. They are a highly sensitive people and highly considerate of the feelings of others. At this time, when their land has publicly passed under the protectorate, how keenly they feel it. It is no mere show of tears these days, but real sorrow that wells forth from the broken fountain of the soul. The wisest have seen that it must come and that it would have been better thus ultimately, but that makes it none the less to bear. The Korean is no cowardly man, not he, but a sensitive mortal, who quivers under the rod and suffers from the sense of shame as no tongue can tell. Think kindly of him; he loves to be thought well of, so do we all."

The Korean Daily News and Ch'iao Gazette both allege improper doings by the Japanese when the treaty was signed, including the use of the foreign minister of Korea's seal by the Japanese. Some rioting occurred when it was known the treaty had been made and the house of the minister of education, who was alleged to have been bribed, was fired by the mob and destroyed.

NELSON NEWS NOTES.

Nelson, Dec. 19.—R. M. Yeager, a man of life-long experience in the mining for oil, came from Pincher creek, where he is boring for the Western Oil & Coal Company. Mr. Yeager reported that he was on his way to Oregon on business and would return to locate permanently in his new abode, where he has been working for a year. He says the oil indications in his district, which includes the southeastern corner of British Columbia, the southwestern corner of Alberta, and the northern portion of Montana, are better than he has seen anywhere, and is convinced that he has a big strike on the right side of the mountain. Mr. Yeager especially enthusiastic was that his latest well is now down 1,300 feet and has been in oil for 700 feet, the latest little pocket being struck yesterday. The points struck are all cased in and are capable of yielding a flow of ten barrels a day. The big log is set to be tapped and Mr. Yeager is convinced that she will be a hummer. The gush may be expected at any time now.

The mining shipments for the week show a large improvement. Boundary has established a new record for itself, and so has the Sloan and Kootenay district of lead mines. The Marysville smelter is treating about 50 tons of Sullivan ore daily but will have to treat a larger quantity to make the big profit that is expected. This will be done in the spring, but Heberlein roasters will have to be established in addition to those already in use. Progress is being made in Trail, Nelson and Greenwood in increasing the capacity of the smelters in those places for the reception of the ore supplies. Unreported is a quantity of ore being mined and treated for free gold.

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Mr. Mackenzie went to England five weeks ago to obtain \$6,000,000 for next year's extension of the Canadian Northern system. He got the millions without any difficulty. "What is the most striking sign of the growing favor in which Canadian securities are held in the Old Country?" repeated Mr. Mackenzie. "Well, of course, I know best about my own business. I was in London last February for £600,000, which there was no difficulty in obtaining. The price was 92. In November we wanted £2,400,000 for next season's work. It was an unfavorable time in many respects. There was less money lying in the banks than at any period since I have been in the habit of going to Europe, owing to an all-around improvement in the employment of capital. But we determined to make 99 figures. Underwriting was arranged for in a few hours and a public subscription proved in a very gratifying way the hold which the system has obtained on the conservative British investor."

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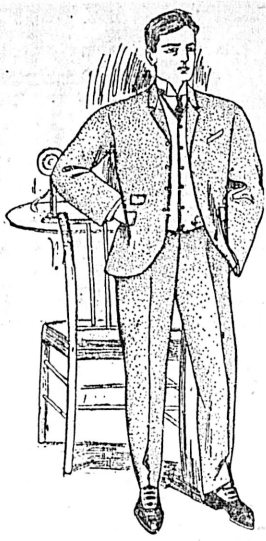
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York County Loan Co's Statement

Particulars Which Were Submitted at Last Annual Meeting in Toronto.

Withdrawals in 1904 More Than Double Those of Previous Year.

In view of the local interest taken in the complications surrounding the affairs of the York County Loan and Savings Company, the Colonist hereunder reproduces the annual statement made of its affairs.

The company was incorporated in 1891 under the statutes of Ontario, and according to a leaflet issued by the company, has "ever since experienced an uninterrupted growth." In the same leaflet it is said that the company is a mutual one and that "all members share alike in its earnings, proportionately to their investments. The plan of the company affords an opportunity to save money systematically, which experience has shown is the best way to do it. Few people, no matter how large their incomes, save anything. The great majority live close to their incomes. If not beyond the value of this company's plan of saving is that its tendency is to correct this prevailing heedlessness by requiring a regular fixed sum to be laid aside each week or month."

President's Report

The last general annual meeting of the company was held on March 29 of the present year. In presenting the annual report the president, Mr. Joseph Phillips, of the company, said:

It is gratifying to know that there has been a large increase in the volume of business transacted by the company. The activity of the company's business is demonstrated by the cash paid withdrawing members, which amounted to the large sum of \$1,319,053.16. All these withdrawals have been repaid with interest at a lower rate of interest and more advantageous terms to the company. The assets have been increased by \$149,533.10.

Ten thousand dollars has been transferred to the reserve fund.

That the company continues to grow in popularity is evidenced by the new business which was larger in amount than any previous year.

Our investment in land suitable for building purposes has proved very satisfactory. Lots are being sold at prices that will net large profits to the company. Every evidence that can be given shows that the city of Toronto has entered upon an era of substantial and permanent progress. As the commercial and railway centre of a large and populous province, and the headquarters for higher education, and the seat of provincial government, and the home of many great industries, Toronto stands in an unrivalled position in Canada. The widespread recognition of the advantages of the city as a distributing, industrial, educational and residential centre, has resulted in the city making great strides in the matter of population. We believe that property in Toronto is at rock-bottom prices, and as the city develops the value of property will be enhanced.

The real estate stands in the assets at its actual cost, and not at the real market value.

The annual statement of the company submitted at the same meeting was as follows:

Assets	
Mortgage loans on real estate	\$1,091,125.81
Real estate	910,990.75
Municipal debentures	92,500.00
Stocks and bonds thereon	129,418.95
Loans on this company	13,995.74
Advances to borrowers	4,381.84
Insurance, etc.	294.21
Accounts receivable	8,904.51
Furniture and fixtures	75,115.92
Cash on hand	1,703.36
Total assets	\$2,237,960.13

Liabilities	
Capital stock paid in	\$1,709,474.34
Dividends credited	45,504.34
Amount due on incomplete loans	8,230.00
Borrowers' sinking fund	83,755.17
Mortgages assumed for members	9,100.00
Reserve fund	70,000.00
Contingent account	203,766.28
Total liabilities	\$2,237,960.13

As indicating the result of systematic saving, the company published the following table showing the total assets paid up at the end of each of their past financial years, and also the amount of cash paid to members:

Year	Total	Cash paid to members	Reserve Funds
1892	\$17,725.86	3,548.51	
1893	68,643.14	15,903.59	
1894	174,098.04	43,636.88	1,000.00
1895	288,248.97	80,339.27	2,000.00
1896	469,100.92	96,844.88	35,000.00
1897	540,294.91	247,691.87	18,000.00
1898	732,834.27	220,852.70	25,000.00
1899	1,092,180.89	258,977.35	40,000.00
1900	1,282,908.20	315,355.37	40,000.00
1901	1,572,135.78	336,348.04	55,000.00
1902	2,087,977.03	768,063.43	65,000.00
1903	2,237,960.13	1,519,053.16	70,000.00

In the leaflet already quoted from this statement is made "Since organization, 13 years ago, this company has paid in cash to members \$4,553,775.67. All withdrawals have been paid promptly. Every dollar paid in, with interest being returned to the withdrawing member when the required period has been reached."

NEWS OF GRAND FORKS.

Coroner Investigates a Death Under Alleged Suspicious Circumstances.

Grand Forks, Dec. 18.—Coroner C. M. Kingston has been holding an inquest for the last twenty-four hours for the purpose of enquiring into the cause of the death of Murdock McGillivray, a smelter employee who died on the streets of this city a couple of days ago under suspicious circumstances. At the inquest some sensational evidence was produced. After hearing a number of witnesses the enquiry was adjourned until Monday next in order to give time to hold a post-mortem examination of the body of the deceased. This matter will receive a most thorough sifting, with a view of bringing any guilty parties to speedy justice.

A representative of the lands and works department at Victoria is in the city today making arrangements for the way of surveys for the immediate building of the Fourth street and Carson bridges.

As to Liquor Licences

T. A. Manly, vice president of the Provincial Vintners' Association, says that he will leave here shortly for Victoria and will be present at the approaching session of the local house for the purpose of having legislation introduced to provide for the regulating and limiting the number of liquor licences granted in municipalities, the number granted to be regulated by the populations of the various towns. He also stated that the Provincial Vintners' Association strongly favored the abolishing of the present system of city licensing boards, the licences to be entirely within the jurisdiction of an official to be appointed by the government who would be entirely independent of the citizens in the various municipalities.

IN PRAISE OF CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY.

Very few medicines have received so much praise and so many expressions of gratitude as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Grateful parents everywhere testify to its merits. It is a certain cure for croup and will prevent the attack if given at the first appearance of the disease. It is especially adapted to children, as it is pleasant to take and contains nothing injurious. Mr. E. A. Humphreys, a well known resident and clerk in the store of Mr. E. Lock, of Aliso, Cape Colony, South Africa, says: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to ward off croup and colds in my family. I found it to be very satisfactory, and it gives me pleasure to recommend it." For sale by all druggists.

MR. ASQUITH SPEAKS.

Is Utterly Opposed to Tampering With the Union.

London, Dec. 20.—Herbert Henry Asquith, chancellor of the Exchequer, speaking here tonight said that the main object of the campaign would be free trade against protection.

With regard to home rule for Ireland, Mr. Asquith said the Liberals in the next parliament would be as opposed as he himself to advancing along any path leading to separation and would resolutely maintain the paramount authority of the imperial parliament. He believed the government would improve and liberalize the administration of Ireland, but in doing so no one could accuse its members of being enemies of the unity of the nation.

KING OF ALL COUGH MEDICINES.

Mr. E. G. Case, a mail carrier of Canton Center, Conn., who has been in the U. S. service for about sixteen years, says: "We have tried many cough medicines for croup, but Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is king of all and to be relied upon every time. We also find it the best remedy for coughs and colds, giving certain results and leaving no bad after effects. We are never without it in the house." For sale by all druggists.

AN INTERIOR VISITOR.

Well Known Kaslo Merchant Tells of Conditions in the Kootenays.

H. Giegerich, the well known Kaslo merchant, spent yesterday in Victoria, and was registered at the Briard, where he was interviewed by a Colonist reporter.

Mr. Giegerich has just returned from a three-weeks' trip to California, and is now on his way back to the Kootenay, where he will spend Christmas with his wife and family.

Giegerich said that he had nothing of importance to communicate, but he continued the numerous reports recently at hand on the increasing prosperity of the interior. Although not a frequent visitor to the coast, he is in close touch with all important commercial movements in the province, as he was one of the large pioneer merchants of the Kootenay country, having been established in Kaslo, Saulton and Slocan City for more than ten years, and at one time doing the largest wholesale business in that territory.

Mr. Giegerich recently appeared before the railway commission when they held a session in Nelson, to protest against the present arrangement of "arbitrators" under which Nelson is constituted a distributing point, and Kaslo and other Slocan points are differentiated against. This has been a sore point with Mr. Giegerich for some time, and he made a fruitless attempt to have it remedied by the railway commission last year. At that time Hon. Mr. Blair was chairman of the commission, and he declined to adjudge on the question of a preference between Nelson and Kaslo, because, as he pointed out, it involved the larger question of whether railway companies had the right to con-

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PROBLEM AHEAD OF THE MEDICOS

Colleges Anxious to Have Roddick Bill Made Operative in All Provinces.

The Montreal Gazette in a recent issue said: The medical practitioners of Canada are becoming alive to the necessity and advantage of Dominion registration is quite apparent.

Only a few days ago a delegation from the medical colleges of Toronto, McGill, Western and Queen's waited upon Hon. Dr. Pym, minister of education for Ontario, and presented petitions, signed by over twelve hundred medical students, praying that legislation be introduced at the coming session of the legislature to enable the Canada Medical Act of 1902, popularly known as the "Roddick Bill," to become operative so far as that province is concerned.

The bill provides for the establishment of a Canadian medical council, the object of which will be to fix a qualification for medical practitioners, which will be acknowledged and accepted in every part of the Dominion. Should this be accomplished, a doctor who has passed the examination of the medical council of Canada would be exempt from any provincial examination, and on payment of the provincial registration fee would at once be permitted to practice.

An arrangement will in no way interfere with provincial autonomy in medical affairs. The provincial councils must necessarily exist for the purpose of taxation and discipline, and may still retain examining and licensing boards for the purpose of practice only in that particular province.

At present there are no fewer than eight examining bodies in Canada, and it is practically impossible for a medical man to receive a qualification to practice in more than one province.

The "Roddick Bill" passed the Dominion House of Commons in 1902, but before it came into effect it met with opposition by the various provincial legislatures. Already concurrent legislation has been passed in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Northwest Territories (as such), and Manitoba.

At the annual meeting of the Dominion Medical Association, held at Winnipeg in 1903, and again at Vancouver in 1904, a resolution in support of Dominion registration, as set forth in the "Roddick Bill," was heartily endorsed by that body.

With such a strong demand from those whose interests are most concerned, it is expected that the legislatures of Ontario and British Columbia will consider the question at the next session. Advocates of the bill say there is every reason to believe that Dominion registration, by creating a uniform standard of examination, by bringing the provinces into closer union and harmony, and in raising the standard and prestige of the Canadian practitioner, both at home and abroad, would do much to promote the best interests of the medical profession.

General Strike Ordered in Russia

Call Issued for All the Workers Throughout Empire to Walk Out.

Leaders Declare Ability to Tie Up Every Road in the Land.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—(2:05 a. m.)—A call for a general strike throughout Russia, to begin Thursday at noon, was issued tonight. The call is approved by the Union of Unions, the Union of Peasants, the General Railway Union and the Council of Workmen of St. Petersburg and Moscow.

A response received from the railway men of Moscow is unanimous for a strike. The leaders have declared their ability to stop every railroad in Russia. The strike order renders every member of the unions signing it liable to arrest and punishment under the new strike law.

Minister of the Interior Durnovo attempted to send orders to Moscow to arrest the members of the railway union and the workmen's council, but the despatches were held by the railroad telegraphers.

It is expected that there will be difficulty in enforcing a general walkout on the eve of the Christmas holidays, when Russian workmen, especially the railroad employees, are looking forward to the customary presents, which sometimes amount to as much as one or two months' wages. The printers of Moscow will strike today.

THE ROSSLAND EXPLOSION.

Nelson Citizens Describe Scenes in the Kootenay Golden City.

The Nelson News, in its issue of Sunday last, contains the following description of the extraordinary explosion at Rossland:

Several citizens of Nelson returned from Rossland last night bringing fuller details of the damage caused by the explosion in the thawing room of the War Eagle powder house. Among them were H. C. Briggs, P. W. Gordon and F. C. Winkler.

Mr. Gordon was on his way to the office of the War Eagle mine and was within a couple of hundred yards of the powder house when the explosion occurred. He saw a flash of light above the building which he thought at first was lightning. The next instant he was knocked down by the shock. When he recovered he walked on and found the building a complete wreck. The assay office, the War Eagle boarding house and the general office of the mine were wholly wrecked. The other buildings remain, but every pane of glass is broken and partitions generally demolished.

Nearly every employee in the offices of the War Eagle and Centre Star mines was badly cut by flying fragments of glass. Lockhart's injuries are more serious than were reported in the despatches. He was cut in many places. Feeling blood on his face he put his handkerchief to his nose and found that most of it was cut off.

It was thought last night that none of the wounds would prove fatal, but many may result in permanent disfigurement.

H. C. Briggs and F. C. Winkler were on Columbia avenue at the time of the explosion. They saw that the first result and almost the immediate one was the collapse of every window on the avenue. A panic resulted, many people, including children, were badly cut, and blood was flowing freely. It was some time before it was known definitely that only one life was lost that of ex-Chief Ingram.

The business blocks on Columbia avenue looked as if they had suffered a bombardment. Every window is gone. The Bank of Montreal's interior fittings, consisting mainly of plate glass, were completely demolished.

The drawing room contained only 30 cases of powder, about 1,500 pounds. The magazine, which was first reported to have blown up, contains generally about 50 tons.

Throughout the city windows are destroyed everywhere. The wind caused by the concussion and the creation of drafts in all buildings caused Columbia avenue to be littered with curtains and light articles from upstairs windows.

All who were in Rossland yesterday agree in estimating the damage at considerably over \$50,000. Up to the time of the departure of the train for Nelson last evening no opinion had been expressed as to the possibility of fixing responsibility on anyone.

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Big Gathering Of Politicians

A Great Grit Conclave at the Driad House Yesterday Evening.

Understood Question of Lieut. Governor Was Under Discussion.

The Liberal members of the Dominion and provincial houses in the province of British Columbia met at the Driad hotel last night to decide who is to be the next lieutenant-governor of British Columbia.

They talked for three hours and apparently there was no selection. But time was found during the discussion to dispatch a message to one George Riley, M. P., erstwhile surveyor of dredges and mints, and now sojourning within hail of the classic ruins of Ottawa, to the effect that his friends "were working."

His friends were working, in good sooth they wrought mightily, but still Mr. R. G. Macpherson, M. P., of Vancouver, declared unto the assembled faithful the claims of a hitherto unknown god, to-wit: Col. Falk-Warren, of Vancouver. Then other members spoke of Mr. W. C. Wells of Pailiser as a gentleman who would lend dignity to the position.

But the friends of George Riley "worked" hard and he presumably "works" at Ottawa. A telegram sent to him last night said:

"Your friends are doing their best and hope to be able to congratulate you tomorrow."

The Conspiracy of Silence
But only the elect who are in the pact of secrecy which was made, no matter what else was done at this meeting of politicians know how much congratulating will be done and whether it will be given Mr. Wells, Col. Falk-Warren or Mr. Riley.

Mr. Macdonald, leader of the opposition in the local house, said the provincial Liberal members are not taking any steps in the matter of the lieutenant-governorship. What is a matter, he said, which concerns the Dominion members only. Asked by a reporter of the meeting he had just attended he said: "Oh, yes, you want to hear about the explosion at Rossland, don't you?"

"No," said the reporter, "I would rather hear of what may cause an explosion—the decision about the governorship."

But Mr. Macdonald didn't know anything about the matter. He had come to Victoria on legal business, he said, and his friends, his fellow-members, had taken advantage of the occasion to meet him to discuss their views.

Mr. Duncan Ross said the gathering was merely a meeting of politicians—that was all. They had not met to discuss anything about the lieutenant-governorship; in fact they had not discussed anything except to arrange to defeat the McBride government.

Mr. Riley's Friends Work
But meanwhile the several thousand miles of wire carried the news and dash in Morse to Ottawa, which was to tell George Riley M. P., that his friends "were working" and hoped to be able to congratulate him. If his friends are able to congratulate him there will be an explosion among the young Liberals of Victoria, who at some time or other, themselves against Mr. Riley in no uncertain terms.

Several of those present said the meeting was to discuss some questions confronting the party and it might be necessary to hold another meeting. Messrs. Macpherson, Ross and Mr. P. P. returned home this morning. There were present at the meeting Senator Temperman, Ralph Smith and William Sloan, of Nanaimo; W. L. Gallier, of Rossland; R. Kelly and R. G. Macpherson, of Vancouver; and Duncan Ross, of Greenwood; J. J. A. Macdonald, of Rossland; Stuart Henderson, of Ashcroft; W. C. Wells, of Pailiser; J. D. McEwen and R. L. Drury, of Victoria.

OBITUARY.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Criddle will leave the family residence at 2 p. m. today (Thursday). The services at the Reformed Episcopal church commence at 2:30 o'clock.

The death occurred on Tuesday of Miss Ethel Pearl Davis, aged 18 years, at the residence of her parents No. 142 Simcoe street. The deceased was a daughter of Wm. Davis and a native of Victoria. The funeral is arranged for Friday afternoon.

Removing Machinery.—The machinery of the Pendray works on Humboldt street is being removed to the new site of the factory at Sehl's Point. Messrs. Hinton & Co. have the contract for the re-installation of the machinery plant.

Wedded Last Evening.—Last evening Walter S. Eldridge and Helen Jovin Barwise were united in matrimony by Rev. H. A. Carson at his residence, 32 Lee street. Both of the contracting parties were of Seattle.

Holiday Advertising.—In the December number of the Furniture and Upholstery Journal reference is made to the character of the advertising in the western journals. A number of advertisements are reproduced as samples, among them being one which appeared in the Colonist—that of Smith & Champion. The following reference is made to this advertisement as it appeared in the Colonist: "No. 3 advertises a special line of Morris chairs and is a very good example of holiday advertising. Everything is brought out strong, and at the same time is well-balanced, attractively laid out and easily read."

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Victoria Day School.—The distribution of prizes and Christmas entertainment in connection with the Victoria Day school will take place this evening in the A. O. U. W. hall. The lord bishop of Columbia will take the chair at 8 o'clock and present the prizes.

AT THE HOTELS.

The Driad
A. J. Bullitz, Seattle; Isadore Bawingor, San Francisco; M. Cohen, C. E. Fowler, Seattle; Geo. A. Begg, H. E. Larkin, St. Catherine; J. A. Macdonald, Rossland; Stuart Henderson, Ashcroft; W. A. Gallier, Nelson; C. E. Foster, H. A. Ross, city; Wm. Sloan, Nanaimo.

The Balmoral
Mrs. E. H. Price, Duncan; A. McMillan, Vancouver; Mrs. H. L. Robertson, Morristown; M. G. Rowcroft, Duncan; Bryce Goodfellow, Revelstoke; Mr. and Miss Reid, city; Thomas Seward, Cedar Hill.

The King Edward
C. A. Hunt, Seattle; H. E. Dickie, Duncan; W. F. Loveland, Lake District; H. Howard, Pemberton; G. Y. Springs, Seattle; Hugh R. Gilmore, Vancouver; Mrs. E. A. Price, Duncan.

The Dominion
A. M. Farlane, Shawinigan Lake; S. G. Martin, Regina; E. W. Sippel, city; Mrs. Thurston, Chalmers; J. W. Kelly, Duncan; E. E. Eddon, Port Angeles; W. R. Smith, Winnipeg; Herb G. Barber, Ottawa; A. T. Elde and wife, Brandon; J. A. Knox, Revelstoke; E. C. Butler, Vancouver; John Oliver, Nanaimo; G. H. Wall, Vancouver; Alvin Scott, Seattle; S. H. Spring Island; Edward George, Galtano Island; Mrs. S. G. Alexander, Mrs. George Vipond, Nanaimo; G. Sheldon-Williams, Vancouver; Chalmers, city.

The Victoria
J. Cathcart, H. Cathcart, E. Cathcart, Chalmers; Miss M. McMillan, Miss Brydon, J. D. Conway, Ladysmith; D. M. McAnulty, M. Saker, J. D. Cathcart, and wife, Everett; E. A. Farr, New York.

The Queen's
Amor Edmunds, Seattle; Andrew Allison, Goodlands, Man; D. F. Young, Vancouver; Geo. H. Smith, San Antonio, Tex.; Bert A. Kurlitz, Vancouver; W. Lundy, Salt Spring Island; W. C. Anderson, Seattle; E. Howie, Duncan; Geo. Dixon, Cobble Hill; H. F. Wilder, Cobble Hill; Fred Manning, Edmonton; A. J. Stevens, Edmonton; A. Henderson, Winnipeg; P. Wheeler, Seattle; J. L. Douglas and wife, Duncan; F. G. Burd, Saturna Island; Mrs. Cheal and daughter, Cobble Hill; Alfred Jander, Cobble Hill; Robert McKay, Los Angeles; Ed. Dawson, E. W. Hingworth, Winnipeg.

THE PLAYHOUSES.

The Russian comic opera company began a four night's engagement at the Victoria theatre last night with the presentation before a large audience of Sousa's well-known opera, "El Capitán." The company is a capable one, well suited to the performance of the operas that form the programme for the local engagement. Included among the leading performers are Claude Amussen, a comedian, Lucia Nola, who has a sweet voice, Hazel Davenport, Frank Walters and Hillard Campbell the latter being a brother of "Ken" Campbell of lacrosse fame.

"El Capitán" itself is all that a comic opera is supposed to be and with the more. It stands at the head of its class, undeniably bright musically, witty and smart in dialogue. Claude Amussen plays the title role and plays it well. The part is unique in construction and Amussen's conception of it is clever. There was always a laugh and a smile on the stage and he was on the stage most of the time.

Tonight Gilbert Sullivan's "Mikado" will be presented. Of the performance at Nelson the News of that city says: "The performance was excellent throughout. Claude Amussen as Koko-Ko, and Hazel Davenport as Katisha were simply irresistible. F. W. Walters was in splendid voice and sang the part of Nanki-Poo with a verve that elicited hearty and well-merited applause. Lucia Nola sang a number of very attractive Japanese school girls. Hillard Campbell, Pooch-Bah was well conceived and well carried out, as was also John Dewey's characterization of the Mikado of Japan. The favorite solos and part songs were all admirably rendered. The staging was effective and the costumes were, in some instances, very pretty and reasonably correct, though in the case of Hazel Davenport her make-up rather detracts than adds to an exceptionally clever bit of play acting.

A splendid act, that of Mr. and Mrs. Deaves, with their merry mannikins, is drawing packed houses at the Grand theatre's week. It fulfills the promises made in the advance notices to the letter, and the final transformation scene is exceedingly beautiful. Showing good Victorians should certainly try to see this act some time before the week is over.

Patsey Doyle is very funny and Kittle Walsh does a good turn her Irish jig being a very clever piece of step-dancing. In fact it is a good show all through.

The last production of "Charley's Aunt" was given before a large and enthusiastic audience last night. Tonight the Watson stock company will present for the first time in this city H. J. Byrnes' celebrated English comedy-drama, "Our Boys." This famous old play is as well and favorably known to all lovers of the theatre as "Charley's Aunt," and while the piece is of an entirely different nature it is even more

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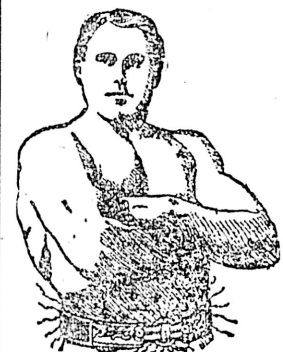
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York County Savings Co. People Hold a Meeting in Pioneer Hall.

A meeting of York County Loan Co. shareholders was held in Pioneer hall last evening, for the purpose of considering what steps should be taken to conserve the interests of the shareholders in this city. Unfavorable comments have been caused by the company seeking proxies for amalgamation with The Dominion Loan Co.

Little or no information has been given the shareholders which would enable them to intelligently deal with the matter, and in view of the telegrams that have been received by the press, announcing that certain of the shareholders at Ottawa and Toronto had agreed to a winding up order, local shareholders thought it as well to take a hand in the matter, and after considerable discussion as to the affairs of the company, a resolution was passed without dissent.

That the Victoria shareholders of the York County Loan and Savings Co. place themselves on record as being opposed to the amalgamation of the York County company with any other company, and that the affairs be wound up as expeditiously as possible under The Provincial Winding Up Act; and that a committee be appointed to correspond with the liquidator and with the officials of the York County Loan Co. and report to a future meeting."

Rev. Mr. Leslie Clay, acting as chairman and Mr. S. H. Child as secretary.

Forms will be prepared, containing the proxies already given and those having signed proxies are requested to communicate with the secretary and obtain and sign the cancellation form.

Wedded Last Evening. The wedding of Maudie McVey to Francis Elizabeth Smith was solemnized at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church last evening. Rev. Mr. Leslie Clay officiating. The groom was supported by A. E. Henderson, while the bride was attended by her sister. After the ceremony, the newly married couple left on a trip to the Sound cities. On their return they will take up their residence in this city.



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Liners From The Orient

Kanagawa Maru and Hyades Reached Port Yesterday From Far East.

Capt. Blakstad of Lost Schooner Florence M. Munsie Tells of the Wreck.

Steamer Kanagawa Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line and the Hyades of the Boston S. S. Co., reached port yesterday, the fourth large steamer to bring cargo to the ocean docks since the week began. With the great liner Ping Suey at one dock, the Japanese mail steamer Kanagawa at another and the Hyades on the other side the wharf presented a busy appearance.

The Kanagawa Maru had 2,471 tons of general cargo of which 174 tons was landed here. There was one salmon passenger for Victoria, Mr. Rev. S. H. Cartwright, an Anglican missionary from Seoul, Korea, bound to Toronto on furlough, and six Japanese salmon passengers for Seattle, all merchants. There were three second class passengers for Victoria and 12 from Seattle, mostly Japanese. One of the second class passengers was D. F. Jones, a missionary from Chupkiang in Central China. There were 38 Japanese storage passengers and a party of 53 Russian prisoners of war who came to Canada to seek a home, not wishing to return to Russia.

Both the Kanagawa Maru and the Hyades which followed her to port yesterday had very stormy voyages. The weather was stormy all the way from the time the steamers left the breakwater at Yokohama until they arrived.

The Hyades landed 150 tons of freight at the ocean dock. She has a full cargo. Following the steamers are the Fremont and Tartar, both due this week and the Canadian Atlantic liner Maru, which is due tomorrow from Australia.

News was received by the Kanagawa Maru of the drowning of many returning Japanese soldiers within view of the coast. The transport Kenta Maru and the Pukuanok Maru, which were bound for Shimomoseki, and the former sank within a few minutes. Thirty-six were drowned, many of the bodies being recovered. The scene of the disaster is very rapid and this caused the heavy loss of life. The steamer's deck is not far below the surface of the water.

Bishop O'Connell, Papal Envoy to Japan, is being entertained largely in Japan, and has been visited by prominent local priests. An address of welcome was presented by six religious bodies. Among the presents given him was a deed dedicating 30,000 (three) of land to the Pope as the site of Catholic headquarters in Japan, at Oshide, seven miles from the well known tourist resort, Karuizawa.

Japanese cruiser Tsukuba, 13,500 tons, was to be launched with impressive ceremonies on December 12th. The cruiser is the largest warship constructed in Japan.

The Japanese government has advised General Linvitch of the number and location of Japanese mines placed in waters near Vladivostok. Seven hundred mines were sunk shortly before the coming of the Japanese fleet making lines of Korofo and Asakido islands.

Thirty-six trains are leaving Mukden daily returning the Japanese armies to Dalny for transport to Japan.

The Japanese training ships Matsushima, Iwashima and Hashidate will leave for London early in January in command of Vice Admiral Togo Masamichi.

Amongst those present were: Messrs. A. T. Goward, Nelson, Scholger, Chalmers, Mitchell, Wilson, Jameson, Day, Milnes, McDonald, Dixon, Paul, Verrier, Messrs. Munsie, Hall Lovell and many others.

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CAPTAIN BLAKSTAD HERE.

Master of Lost Schooner Florence M. Munsie Tells of Disaster.

Captain Blakstad of the sealing schooner Florence M. Munsie, which was lost in Possession Bay when en route to Victoria from Halifax, arrived from the scene of the wreck yesterday to report concerning the disaster of the vessel to her owner, William Munsie of this city.

"All luck attended the voyage from the time we left Halifax," said Captain Blakstad, "and we had several narrow escapes before we finally went ashore at Possession Bay in the Straits of Magellan. The Florence Munsie was a new ship and I was under contract to bring her from Halifax to Victoria, for which I had secured a charter party for the vessel, which was operating to all parts of the world.

"It was the roughest voyage I ever took in many years of experience on the seas, and we were compelled to put in at the West Indies for repairs. Hardly had we started on the voyage again when we encountered another fierce storm and were finally blown ashore at Possession Bay.

"The ship went ashore last March and we have been trying ever since that time to get her off the beach, but she finally broke to pieces and was a total loss. The boat should have been moved the following month after she was stranded had the salvage company, which I paid \$10,000 for the work, carried out its contract."

The schooner Markland is now in route here to replace the lost schooner.

MARINE NOTES.

Orders have been issued to the United States forts on Puget Sound that the practice is vague of turning searchlights on merchant steamers, to the danger of the vessels, is to be discontinued.

Captain Townsend, master of the steamer Queen City, reports to the British Columbia agency of marine and fisheries that the whistling buoy at the entrance to Port San Juan, Vancouver Island, has disappeared. Mariners are requested to govern themselves accordingly.

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"AT HOME" AT LADIES' COLLEGE

Delightful Xmas Event Celebrated Last Evening at Oak Bay.

A delightful entertainment was provided last night at the British Columbia Ladies' college, Oak Bay, when the third Christmas "At Home," given by Principal and Miss McCoy was held.

At 8:30, when Rev. Mr. McCoy arose to introduce the programme, the large reception hall which had been tastefully decorated with evergreens for the occasion, was literally packed, there being barely standing room available.

A fine performance followed. It is difficult to discriminate amongst the various items where all were so praiseworthy.

Miss Gertrude McKenny gave a fine rendering of "The Hymn of Praise," she possesses a full, rich contralto voice, which showed to great advantage. Her rendering of Beethoven in the second part was also distinctly above the average.

Miss Nora McCoy's performance on the violin was one of the most pleasurable incidents of the evening, her execution in the intricate passages of the duet, being especially creditable. "Roses" by Miss McCoy, whose voice is eminently suited to that style of song, was enthusiastically received and she responded to the "encore" by singing a charming ditty serenade.

The feature of the second part of the programme was the singing of Miss Florence Jameson. She chose as her song, Donza's "May Day," and her choice was well justified by results.

Mrs. White's place at the piano was filled by Miss Evelyn Wilson, who excelled in the trials and runs of the selection she chose was admirable.

A tribute of praise must be paid to the accompanying of Mr. Longfield. It is always a difficulty to find an accompanist who can combine both sympathy and accuracy in his playing, but Mr. Longfield combines both these features in a high degree.

At the close of the entertainment, Principal McCoy referred briefly to the work of the term, instancing the evening's music as a sample of what had been attained in one branch of education. He spoke in high terms of the energies of his staff, and regretted that the visitors had not an opportunity of seeing the results in other branches.

Rev. Mr. Allen, Ewing and Clay made a few suitable remarks and an adjournment was made to one of the class rooms where refreshments were served.

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Solicitors for the Applicants.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made at the next Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for an act incorporating a Company with power to carry on the business of Life Insurance; and for all other necessary or incidental rights, powers or privileges in that behalf.

Dated 30th November, 1905.

EBERTS & TAYLOR, 230

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100 prizes, ranging in value from \$75 down to 50c. to be drawn for December 21st. Every purchaser to the value of 50c. holder to draw for these prizes. The Japanese Vase.

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without calling on the respondent's counsel for argument. Mr. Moresby for the petitioner; Mr. Higgins for the respondent.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next Session for an Act to revise, ratify and confirm the Cowlitz-Alberni and Port Rupert Railway Company Act, and extending the time for commencing construction of the said railway, and of expending ten per cent. of the Company's capital thereon, and to empower the Company to extend its railway from any point on its line to the City of Victoria, or to any point on Esquimalt Harbor, or to the alternative to incorporate a Company to build the line of railway out from the City of Victoria, and to extend the time for commencing construction of the said railway, and with all the powers contained in the Model Railway Bill.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., 22nd November, 1905.

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Solicitors for the Applicants.

NOTICE

The Sanitary Feather Works, corner Fort and Blanchard Streets, have no agents soliciting for work, and are responsible only for orders given direct to Hurd & Ward, proprietors. Phone 392.

In the Matter of the "Companies Winding Up Act, 1898," and Amending Acts.

And in the Matter of F. C. Davidson & Co., Limited.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that F. C. Davidson & Co., Limited, having gone into liquidation under the above Acts, has appointed Sydney Clark, Barrister-at-Law, of Law Chambers, Bastion Square, Victoria, B. C., its liquidator for the purpose of such winding up.

The creditors of the above named Company are required, on or before the 18th day of January, 1906, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names or addresses of their solicitors, if any, to the undersigned, and if so required by notice in writing, from the said liquidator, to come in person, or by their solicitors, to the meeting of the creditors, and to be present at such meeting, and in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are paid.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 13th day of December, 1905.

ROBERTSON & ROBERTSON, 225

Solicitors for the above-named Liquidator.

FOR SALE

989 Shares Victoria Sealing Co., Ltd.

Par value of \$12.50 per share (either whole or in part).

Notice is hereby given that the above shares will be received by the Bank of Montreal, Victoria, up till 3 o'clock on Tuesday, the 26th day of December, 1905.

Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

A. J. C. GALLETT, 416

Manager Bank of Montreal.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Grand Forks District.

Highway Bridge Over the Kettle River, Carson, B. C.

SEALED TENDERS, endorsed "Tender for Carson Bridge," will be received at the Department of Lands and Works, Victoria, B. C., up to noon of the 26th of December, 1905.

Drawings, specifications and conditions of tendering and contract may be seen at the office of the Public Works Engineer, Victoria, B. C., and at the office of the Provincial Timber Inspector, Court House, Vancouver, B. C., on and after the 7th inst.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the sum of \$300, as security for the due fulfillment of the contract, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines to enter into the contract when called upon to do so, or if he fails to complete the work contracted for.

Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the forms supplied, and signed with the actual signatures of the tenderers.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

F. C. GAMBLE, 47

Public Works Engineer, Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C., 14th December, 1905.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for an act incorporating a Company with power to carry on the business of Life Insurance; and for all other necessary or incidental rights, powers or privileges in that behalf.

Dated 30th November, 1905.

EBERTS & TAYLOR, 230

Solicitors for Applicant.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special licence to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands:

No. 1. Commencing at a post on the Southeast end of Seymour Inlet, thence 60 chains East, thence 30 chains North, thence 100 chains West, thence 100 chains South, thence following the shore line Easterly and Southerly to the point of commencement.

No. 2. Commencing at a post located at the Northwest corner of No. 1, thence 100 chains West, thence 10 chains North, thence 100 chains East, thence 100 chains South, thence following the shore line Easterly and Southerly to the point of commencement.

No. 3. Commencing at a post on the North shore line of said Seymour Inlet, thence 80 chains North, thence 100 chains East, thence 100 chains South, thence following the shore line Easterly and Southerly to the point of commencement.

No. 4. Commencing at a post planted on the North shore line of Seymour Inlet, thence 80 chains North, thence 100 chains West, thence 100 chains South, thence following the shore line Easterly and Southerly to the point of commencement.

Dated 11th December, 1905.

JOHN C. SWEET, 411

HOTEL DIRECTORY

VICTORIA

COMMERCIAL HOTEL—118 Douglas St. Rooms to let for housekeeping from \$1 up.

THE DOMINION—Victoria, B. C. Only modern first-class hotel in the city. Rates \$1.50 per day and upwards. S. Jones, proprietor.

THE GORDON Yates Street. First class in every respect. Fifty spacious, home-like rooms. Terms very moderate. Mrs. J. A. Gordon, proprietor. Telephone 1018. P. O. Box 40.

HOTEL SYDNEY—Only seventeen miles from Victoria. One of the most attractive five resorts on Vancouver Island; good roads, fine boating, two-mile beach, view unsurpassed. Hotel rates, \$1.50 per day. William Jensen, proprietor.

GRAND PACIFIC HOTEL—Corner Johnson and Store streets. Bar supplied with best brands of wines, liquors and cigars. Good rooms in connection. Open day and night. Lorenzo Reda, proprietor.

NEW WESTMINSTER

HOTEL COLONIAL—Opposite Court House. Best hotel in town. Rates from \$1.50 up. John M. Insey, proprietor.

ASHCROFT

ASHCROFT—The Grand Central; most convenient hotel in Ashcroft; sample rooms for commercial men; hot and cold baths. Representative meets trains and stages. George Ward, proprietor.

PHOENIX

HOTEL BALMORAL—The leading hotel of Boundary's leading mining camp; centrally located; good sample rooms. A. McMaster, proprietor. au18

TROUT LAKE

COMMERCIAL HOTEL—Best commercial house in town; good sample rooms.

GREENWOOD

WINDSOR HOTEL—The most comfortable hotel in Boundary's metropolis. Par open plan; cafe in connection. B. Carter, proprietor. au18

REVELSTOKE

UNION HOTEL—First class \$2 per day house. Choice brands liquors and cigars. J. Laughton, proprietor.

GRAND FORKS

YALE HOTEL—The leading hotel of the Boundary country; everything first class. A. Trauwieser, proprietor.

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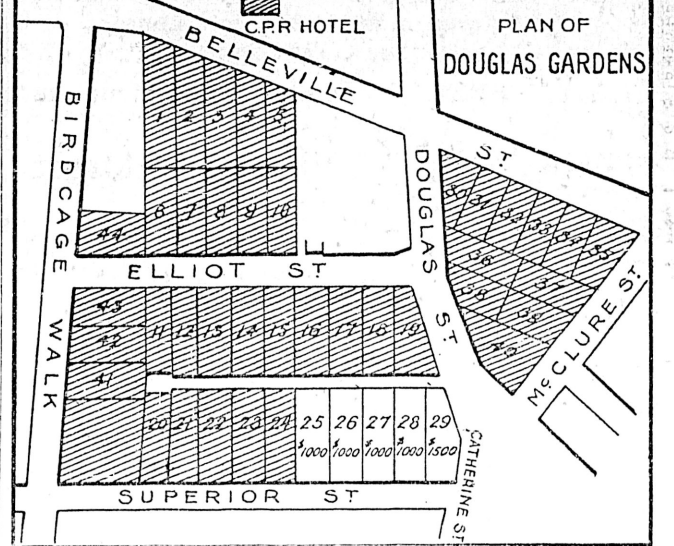
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DOUGLAS GARDENS - ONLY 5 LOTS LEFT

APPLY B. C. LAND & INVESTMENT AGENCY, LIMITED



VICTORIA: BUSINESS: DIRECTORY

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER of the Estate of John Humphreys, deceased.
Notice is hereby given pursuant to the "Trusts and Executors Act," that all creditors of the Estate of the said deceased are required on or before the 31st day of January, 1906, to send particulars of their claims duly verified to the undersigned, solicitors for Thomas A. Wood and Henry Evans Evans, executors of the said estate, and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay such indebtedness to the undersigned forthwith.
DATED at Victoria, B. C., this 30th day of November, 1905.
DRAKE, JACKSON & HELMCKEN,
20 Bastion Street, Victoria, B. C., Solicitors for the said Executors. d1

Handy Telephone Calls

CABINET MAKERS
DICKSON & HOWES, Cabinet Makers and Joiners, 131 Johnson Street. **1165**

J. LISTER, Carpenter and Builder. All kinds of jobbing work. Workshop and residence, Tolmie Avenue. Phone **1193**

PLUMBING
JOHN COLEBERT, Plumbing, Heating and Sheet Metal Works, 4 Broad Street. **552**

REAL ESTATE
P. R. BROWN LTD., 50 Broad St. **1076**
For a Dwelling, Furnished or Unfurnished.

Grant & Conyers

No. 2 View St. (opposite main entrance to Drilard Hotel).

HALF ACRE of garden and fruit, with a good cottage. A snap for \$1,500.

PRETTY COTTAGE—Good location (central); electric light, sewer, bath, hot and cold water, conservatory and beautiful garden, full of fruit and flowers. This is a "good buy." Call and get particulars.

HALF ACRE of the garden and young orchard, with small, newly erected cottage. Only \$1,200.

HANDSOME RESIDENCE—Near Oak Bay, with electric light, bath, hot and cold water, two acres of splendid garden, with fruit and flowers, and a stable, chicken houses, etc. This is a fine home at the right price.

TWO LOTS with a small cottage, on Fort Street, for \$100.

SOME OF THE FINEST building sites in the "Work Estate," at nominal prices.

TWO FINE LOTS near the car line on Fort Street, for \$275.

MODERN BUNGALOW in "East End," with six rooms, bath, electric light, cement walks, and all modern conveniences (just completed.) Only \$2,400.

FINE MODERN BUNGALOW, with all modern conveniences, on Belcher street. This is one of the most charming homes in the city. Call and get particulars. (It will pay you.)

Fire and Life Insurance Agents. Money to loan in sums to suit, at low interest.

J. Stuart Yates

22 BASTION STREET.

FOR SALE CHEAP—Land close to Gorge (mainly) in quantities to suit intending purchaser.

FIND 5 ACRE BLOCKS between Gorge and Burnside roads, on easy terms.

CRAIGIE LEA FARM, comprising 140 acres, with dwelling house, 4 acre orchard and farm buildings.

LOTS 198 and 199 Victoria City, with 9 store buildings, at assessed valuation.

70 ACRES of fine land fronting on Sooke Harbor.

GOOD BUILDING lots in Esquimalt town.

SECTION 16, Esquimalt District, fronting on Royal Roads.

TO RENT—Large wharf at foot of Yates street, with large commodious sheds.

Pemberton & Son

Real Estate, Financial and Insurance Agents, 45 Fort Street, Victoria, B. C.

FOR SALE.

ESQUIMALT DISTRICT—196 acres; level land, suitable for chicken raising. Price \$15 per acre.

McNEILL'S BAY—2 acres of splendid land, fronting on a beautiful bay, for sale at a reasonable figure.

OAK BAY AVENUE—5 acres within 150 yards of the avenue; splendid building site, with good land; \$550 per acre.

ST. CHARLES STREET—1 acre of good land; \$900.

CEDAR HILL—11 roomed house with all conveniences; 5 acres of land, all in orchard. This is a splendid property.

CAREY ROAD—3 acres of very fair land near Gannam P. O.; \$350.

FOURTH STREET—Over 2 acres of good land, cleared and fenced; would make a splendid building site. Price \$2,000.

Beaumont Boggs

Real Estate & Insurance Agent, 42 Fort St.

FAIRM of 240 acres, 25 cultivated, 10 pasture; small house, large barn. Price only \$1,800.

144 ACRES, 35 cleared; 8 room house, barn, orchard; water frontage. Price \$1,800.

3 1/2 ACRES, with cottage and orchard; 5 minutes' walk from tram. Price \$3,000.

TO LET—Furnished house on Fort Street. Rent, \$27.

FOR SALE—New dwelling, overlooking water; modern in every way. Price \$3,000.

FARMS—Call for new "Home List"—contains details for best farms for sale on Vancouver Island.

WANTED—Two or three unfurnished rooms, at once. 216 Colmiston. **03**

TO RENT—ROOM AND BOARD

FOR FURNISHED ROOMS and board, apply 45 Menzies street, corner Superior, n10

WANTED—Room and board in private family by young man of regular habits. Address Box 327 this office. **29**

Swinerton & Oddy

Financial and Insurance Agents. Notaries Public.

102 GOVERNMENT STREET.

A BARGAIN—8 roomed dwelling near Methodist church, on Pandora avenue; electric light, gas, sewer, hot water; corner lot 61x120. Only \$2,500.

NEW HOUSE on Stanley avenue; six rooms, modern conveniences; lot 55x100. Only \$2,400.

10 ACRES—9 miles out, 4 acres cleared; 4 roomed dwelling; 80 fruit trees. Price, including horse, rig, farming implements, furniture and poultry, only \$1,200.

2 ACRES—Under cultivation; 8 roomed dwelling; orchard of 50 trees bearing; 2 miles from P. O. Only \$1,000.

154 ACRES—10 cleared, 10 slashed; dwelling; barn 50x40; orchard, 150 trees bearing; situated Salt Spring Island. The owner wishing to dispose of this at once, has reduced price to \$1,000. This is a bargain.

7 ROOMED DWELLING—Lot 47x200, 18 fruit trees. Only \$1,100.

8 1/2 ACRES, 6 miles out. Only \$675.

3 LOTS on Stanley avenue, 65x105; \$400 each.

MONEY TO LOAN ON MORTGAGE, \$15,000 on business property; also sums from \$500 upwards.

FOR SALE—Two acre lots on St. Charles street. Only \$1,800.

FOR SALE—6 room house on Green street. Only \$1,200; \$300 cash, balance on mortgage at 6 per cent.

FOR SALE—Two good houses, Stanley avenue. \$2,500 each; \$625 cash, balance on mortgage at 6 per cent.

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HELP WANTED—FEMALE

WANTED—Middle aged woman to keep house for old couple. Good home, with light work for right person. Apply 219 Shimoce street.

WANTED—A street, willing girl about 14, as usual mother's help (one child). Kind, considerate home. Apply 60 Rae street.

WANTED—Mother's help (second maid kept); plain cooking and housework (city). Apply 60 Rae street.

WANTED—Experienced general maid; plain cooking, housework, etc.; kind home with good wages. Apply 60 Rae street.

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE

WANTED—Competent lady will take charge of home of parties going abroad; best of references. Box 393 this office. d15

WANTED—An English nurse (13 years' experience in one family) wants position as nurse to infant or children; references excellent. Apply 60 Rae street. d15

WANTED—An English lady (27) seeks position as a nursery governess or as a useful assistant, care of children and light housework; experienced needlewoman; excellent reference. Apply 60 Rae street. d15

WANTED—MALE HELP

WANTED—A first class presser. Apply at Victoria Dye Works. d17

MEN WANTED—Reliable men in every locality throughout Canada to advertise our goods, track up showcards on trees, fences, along roads and all conspicuous places; also distributing small advertising matter. Salary \$300 per year, or \$75 per month and expenses \$3 per day. Steady employment to good, reliable men. No experience necessary. Write for particulars. Empire Medicine Co., London, Ont. n1

WANTED—At once, young men for firemen and brakemen; all wages, promotion guaranteed; firemen get \$100, become engine-men at \$175; brakemen get \$80, become conductors at \$200 per month; instructions by mail; send for particulars; positions secured as soon as competent; best opening in the United States; state age, National Railway Training School, 73 Boston Block, Minneapolis, Minn. n30

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE

WANTED—Situation by good Chinese cook. Apply Ah Wing, 37 Esplanade street. d21

WANTED—Young man, strong, not afraid of work, understands handling of horses, desires situation of any kind. Apply Box 406 Colmiston. d19

WANTED—Young man, watchmaker, desires situation at once. Apply Box 407 Colmiston. d19

TO RENT—RESIDENCES

TO LET—12 storey house, 81 John street; all modern conveniences; hot and cold water, electric light. Apply lower corner. d16

TO RENT—10 furnished houses, from 6 to 10 rooms; unfurnished from 4 to 8 rooms; stores and restaurant. Apply B. A. Harris & Co., 35 Fort Street. d22

TO LET—Furnished house, in good repair, on Beacon Hill car line; 8 rooms and bath room and cellar, hot and cold water. Rent \$23 per month. Address Box 324 Colmiston. n7

TO LET—Furnished, a modern dwelling house, heated by furnace, close to car, and centre of city. Apply Helmerman & Co. d14

TO LET—First class cottage, with or without stable. Apply 217 Yates street.

TO LET—FURNISHED ROOMS.

TO LET—Lady living alone, would like lady or lady and gentleman to take part of new house; modern conveniences; use of kitchen. 410 Colmiston. d21

TO LET—Furnished housekeeping rooms. 41 DIED ar ar SHIDLU ES ES

TO LET—Furnished rooms, with board, 8 Pioneer street. d19

TO LET—A housekeeping flat, comfortably furnished; modern improvements and centrally located. Apply 60 Rae street, between 12 and 2 o'clock. d17

FOR RENT—Large, well furnished bedrooms, with private sitting room; telephone; bath and all conveniences; large house and grounds, with stable; breakfast, if desired. Gentlemen preferred. Box 381 Colmiston. d5

TO LET—Large sunny bedroom and breakfast; central. Apply Box 262 Colmiston. d25

TO RENT—Furnished housekeeping rooms, single or en suite, with use of bath. 120 Vancouver street. d1

FURNISHED ROOMS with board. Apply 33 Birdcage Walk. n4

FURNISHED ROOMS—Elegantly furnished room, with or without board. All modern improvements, including electric light and telephone. Close to steamboat landing, corner Birdcage Walk and Belleville street. Mrs. Woodill (formerly Roberts House). d18

TO RENT—Furnished rooms. 115 Menzies street. d15

TO LET—Furnished housekeeping rooms, with electric light and bath, at Ellice street. No. 104 Pandora avenue. Apply 97 Quadra street. Telephone 1920. d1

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS

CHOICE HOLLY, selected for mailing, 50c. Boxes. Higgins, Cook and Fort streets. d15

FOR SALE—Edison stereophones, with views; a bargain. Box 400 Colmiston. d15

FOR SALE—Oak top carved round counter (11), back counter, shelves with Canadian plate glass, suitable for confectionery. Can be seen at 78 Douglas street. d12

FOR SALE—Mill for grinding grain; new; capacity up to 15 tons per day; will be sold cheap. James Boal, Koksilah. d5

FOR SALE—39 volumes Bancroft's History of America, bound in calf. If taken soon will sell for nearly half cost. Apply James Boal, Koksilah. d5

FOR SALE—Furniture of a newly furnished modern 7 roomed house; piano, if desired. House new and one of most desirable rented houses in city; location perfect. Owner leaving city. Apply Box 379 Colmiston. d3

FOR SALE—New and secondhand billiard and pool tables, with Monarch quick-acting cushions. Cash or extended payments. Catalogue mailed free. Brunswick Billiard Co., 100 Douglas street, Victoria. d20

FOR SALE—Cheap, one English billiard table, one American billiard table, one cash register. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. d23

FOR SALE—Slab wood, Lemon, Gonna-son & Co., Orchard and Government streets. Telephone 77. d23

WANTED—TO PURCHASE

WANTED—To buy, old postage stamps used on letters between the years 1850 to 1870. Address G. R. Cox, care of Post Office, Vancouver, B. C. n14

POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK

FOR SALE—Good family cow, three-quarters Jersey, six years old; just calved. Apply Sidney Hotel. d21

FOR SALE—Fine Clyde 1-year-old stallion for sale at a reasonable figure; sound, sure, and splendidly built. P. B. Pemberton, Victoria, B. C. d8

FOR SALE—A young Jersey cow; good milk, very gentle. P. O. 112. d10

AUCTIONEER

FOR SALE—Large Rebevel Plate Mirror, also a few pieces of Old Mahogany, at Bittancourt's, corner Broad and Pandora streets. Phone A906.

ALLES AND STOUT

FAIRALL BROS., Bottlers Ale, Stout and "Bromo Hygein." Esq't. Rd. Tel. 444.

AUTOMOBILES

HUTCHISON BROS., Broughton Street, Victoria, B. C. Tel. 1170.

AWNINGS AND WINDOW BLINDS

Smith & Champion, 100 Douglas. Tel. 718.

BAGGAGE DELIVERED

VICTORIA TRANSFER CO., Ltd., Tel. 120.

BAKERY

FOR CHOICE FAMILY BREAD, CAKES, Pastry, etc., on up Phone 301, London & Vancouver Bakery, D. W. Haubury, Prop., 73 Fort St., Victoria.

Home-made Bread and Cakes—The D. & C. Bakery, 25 Johnson St., Tel. 840.

BOARDING STABLES

R. BRAY, Livery Stables, 122 Johnson St., Victoria, B. C. Tel. 182.

BOOKBINDING

THE COLONIST has the best equipped bookbinding in the province; the result is equal in proportion.

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DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

WESTERN CANADA'S BIG STORE



ONLY THREE MORE DAYS

In which to do your Christmas shopping, and we must sell all our Christmas goods in that time. We are anxious to sell all Christmas goods before Saturday night, and the lines that are too large will be cleared out at quick selling prices FRIDAY MORNING.

4½ Hours of Lively Selling on Friday from 8.30 to 1 o'clock

If You Have Schools to Buy for, Friday Morning is a Good Time to Visit the Big Store

Important Reductions On All House Coats

\$7.50, \$8.75 and \$10.00 Values, Friday Morning, \$4.75 each
The above are of Velvet, Plain Cloths, Tweeds and Camel's Hair mixtures

\$12.50, \$15.00 and \$17.50 Values, Friday Morning, \$6.75 each
The above are of Tweeds and Silk Trimming

\$4.75 to \$5.50 Values, Friday Morning, \$3.75 each
The above are of Silk Trimmed Embroidery

25c each
For Dolls' Furniture
Usual Value, 50c

50c each
For Dolls' Furniture
Usual Value, \$1.00

\$1.00 each
For Dolls' Furniture
Usual Value, \$1.75

15c each
For Table of Fancy Articles
Usual Value, 25, 35 and 50c

25c each
For Table of Fancy Articles
Usual Value, 35 to 75c

35c each
For Toasts
Usual Value, 75c



SUITS

\$10.00 to \$20.00

Values that will make shopping decidedly interesting Friday Morning in the Boys' Clothing Department

4.00, 4.50, 4.75 and 5.50 Suits, Friday morning, \$2.90

What would please your little boy more than a nobby little Suit, the best that can be purchased in the regular way at \$4.00 to \$5.50? And you need only pay \$2.90 for it. In the lot are 28 Fancy Russian Blouse Suits, assorted patterns; and 19 Brownie Suits, double-breasted, in brown, grey and light mixed colors. Your choice per Suit. **\$2.90**

Men's Fancy Vests

On Friday morning we will sell Men's Knitted Wool Vests, Regular, \$3.75 to \$5.75. Each for **\$2.75**

Handkerchiefs for Friday Morning

50 doz., embroidered, at \$1.50 per doz., 2 for 25c.
38 doz., embroidered, at \$2.40 per doz., each at 25c.
43 doz., embroidered, at \$3.00 per doz., each at 25c.

See Table, Main Aisle.
A full stock of Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, narrow hem, doz., \$1.50 to \$6.00
Embroidered Linen Handkerchiefs, all hand work, each, \$1.50 to \$3.75

Books at 50 Cents
Twenty Years of Hustling.
Fernos' Choice Dialogues.
Modern Electioneering.
Remarks by Bill Nye.
Shamla.
History of the Wild West.

Stanley's Story Through Africa.
Pioneer Heroes.
At 75 Cents
The Windsor Book (30 only).
Dream Rag Books, 15c, 25c, and 50c.

Special for Friday Morning

Women's Leather Hand Bags; values \$2.00 to \$3.00, for \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50

The Men's Store Doing a Tremendous Business Neckwear at 50c

We thought we had purchased a far larger stock than we could sell, but not a bit of it; they're selling well. Never had better values. The Very Wide Silk Four-in-Hand Ties that most stores sell at 75c, to \$1.00. Price **50c**. Flowing-End Ties, of pure silk at **50c**. Splendid Assortment of French Silk Ties, very elaborate; each 75c, to \$2.50



OVERCOATS

\$10.00 to \$20.00

Men's Gloves

Lined Kid \$1.00
Dent's Cape \$1.25
Mocha \$1.00

King Collar Buttons and Links

King Cuff Links, fully guaranteed, in pure gold finish, in fancy gold finish, in plain pearl and fancy pearl 25c.
King Cuff Links, also with many fancy kinds, pearls, etc. 50c.
King Cuff Links, gold finish, with fancy stone settings 35c.
Collar Buttons, of 6 different shapes; per card 15c.
The New Century Button, bone back, can be used for collars, cuffs, ladies' waists and ladies' collars and cuffs.
1-Piece Collar Buttons. Special at, each 5c.
Rolled-gold filled, at 10c.

Values to be had Today in the Novelty Dept. Second Floor

Cut Glass Salt Cellars, silver mounting 50c.
Cut Glass Violet Vase, silver mounting 50c.
Cut Glass Perfume Bottle 25c, 50c, 75c, \$2.50
Cut Glass Tumblers, each 50c.
Cut Glass Water Jugs, each \$1.00
Cut Glass Vase, silver mounting 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$2.50
Silver Cruet Stands \$2.50 and \$5.00
Silver Cruet Stands, Toast Rack attached \$2.50 and \$5.00
Silver Cruet Stands, Butter Dish attached \$2.50 and \$5.00
Silver Pickle Cruets \$5.00
Silver Mounted Syrup Jugs \$5.00
Silver Mounted Sauce Cruets \$2.50 and \$5.00
1 Quadruple-Plated Tea Set, 3 pieces \$10.00
1 Quadruple-Plated Tea Set, 4 pieces \$14.50
1 Quadruple-Plated Tea Set, 4 pieces \$19.50
Pickle Forks, Bread Forks, Sugar Spoons, Butter Knives, Salad Spoons, etc., all at, each 50c.
Gift Clocks, each \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.75, \$4.00
Mantelure Sets \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.75, \$4.00
Brush, Comb and Mirror \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.25, \$5.00
Military Brushes 75c.
Military Brushes in leather case \$2.50 and \$3.00
Writing Pads 50c, \$1.00, \$1.50
Rack with Hat and Clothes Brush \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.75, \$4.00



Dress and Tuxedo Suits

\$22.50

Christmas Cards
All the 7, 10 and 15c ones, Friday Morning, each 5c

Calendars
All the \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50 ones, Friday Morning 50c

Calendars
All the 50 and 75c ones, Friday Morning 25c

Hand-made Turnover Collars, Friday morning
each 25 and 35c

An elaborate showing of Xmas Neckwear will be put into stock Friday Morning, Prices each \$1.00 to \$2.50

Chrysanthemums and Carnations Order Early

\$1.50 Half Leather Bound Books, Friday Morning 25c

Padded Leather Books, Friday Morning, each 35c

Three Thousand, Five Hundred Books On Sale Friday Morning at 25c each

A Sample Collection of Hammered Brass and Copper Coal Scuttles, Fire Dogs, Jardinieres, Gongs, etc., etc., on Sale Friday Morning as follows:

	Regular.	Friday Morning.		Regular.	Friday Morning.		Regular.	Friday Morning.		Regular.	Friday Morning.
1 Hammered Brass Coal Scuttle	\$14.50	\$9.50	1 Brass Coal Scuttle	10.50	7.50	1 Hammered Brass Jardiniere	5.75	4.50	1 Antique Hammered Copper Coal Scuttle	17.50	12.50
1 Copper Scuttle	15.00	10.75	1 Copper Jardiniere	2.75	2.25	1 Brass Dinner Gong	10.50	7.50	1 Copper Jardiniere	3.50	2.25
1 Copper Scuttle	20.00	14.50	1 Brass Coal Scuttle	15.00	9.75	1 Brass Smoking Set	5.00	3.75	1 Copper Jardiniere	1.50	.90
1 Hammered Brass Coal Scuttle	12.50	8.75	1 Hammered Brass Jardiniere	6.75	5.50	1 Brass Kettle and Lamp	12.50	9.50	1 Copper Jardiniere	1.75	1.35
1 Hammered Brass Coal Scuttle	16.50	12.50	1 Copper Coal Scuttle	7.50	6.25	1 Brass Kettle and Lamp	2.00	1.25	1 Copper Jardiniere	1.50	.90
1 Copper Coal Scuttle	10.00	7.50	1 Brass Coal Scuttle	17.50	12.50	1 Copper Pitcher	2.00	1.25	1 Copper Jardiniere	2.50	1.75
1 Pair Brass Fire Dogs	7.50	6.75	1 Copper Coal Scuttle	6.45	4.75	1 Brass Gong	6.75	5.50	1 Antique Copper Fire Screen	8.75	6.75
1 Pair Brass Fire Dogs	5.75	4.75	1 Copper Coal Scuttle	12.50	9.75	1 Gun Metal Jardiniere	7.50	6.50	1 Antique Copper Fire Screen	17.50	12.50
1 Copper Jardiniere	4.50	3.50	1 Hammered Brass Jardiniere	7.50	6.25	1 Hammered Brass Tea Kettle, with Lamp	12.50	9.50	1 Copper Crumb Tray and Brush	2.50	1.50
1 Brass Fire Dogs	6.75	5.75	1 Copper Coal Scuttle	10.50	7.50	1 Brass Dinner Gong	6.50	5.25	1 Copper Crumb Tray and Brush	4.50	3.75
1 Set Brass Fire Irons	7.50	6.50	1 Hammered Brass Jardiniere	6.75	5.50	1 Brass Kettle and Lamp	15.00	11.75	1 Brass Crumb Tray and Brush	3.00	2.25
1 Copper Jardiniere	3.00	2.25	1 Copper Coal Scuttle	13.50	9.75	1 Brass Kettle and Lamp	15.00	11.75	1 Antique Copper Coal Scuttle	11.00	7.75
1 Brass Fire Dogs	4.50	3.50	1 Set Brass Fender and Fire Irons	18.50	13.50	1 Copper Jardiniere	7.50	5.50	1 Antique Copper Fire Screen	22.50	16.75
1 Brass Fire Dogs	6.50	5.50	1 Brass Music Rack	8.75	6.25	1 Brass Kettle and Lamp	15.00	11.75	1 Gun Metal Dinner Gong	7.50	6.75
1 Brass Fire Dogs	4.75	3.65	1 Hammered Brass Coal Box	25.00	18.75	1 Brass Kettle and Lamp	15.00	11.75	1 Brass Fire Irons	6.50	5.50
1 Copper Jardiniere	4.50	3.50	1 Brass Fender, Dogs, Fire Irons	22.50	16.50	1 Brass Kettle and Lamp	15.00	11.75	1 Brass Fire Irons	5.50	4.25
1 Brass Fire Dogs	4.50	3.50	1 Copper Jardiniere	1.50	.90	1 Brass Kettle and Lamp	15.00	11.75	1 Brass Fire Irons	5.50	4.25
1 Brass Fire Dogs	5.00	3.75	1 Brass Jardiniere	2.75	2.25	1 Brass Kettle and Lamp	15.00	11.75	1 Brass Fire Irons	5.50	4.25
1 Brass Jardiniere	4.50	3.50	1 Copper Jardiniere	3.00	2.25	1 Brass Kettle and Lamp	15.00	11.75	1 Brass Fire Irons	5.50	4.25
1 Brass Fire Dogs	3.00	2.25	1 Copper Jardiniere	3.00	2.25	1 Brass Kettle and Lamp	15.00	11.75	1 Brass Fire Irons	5.50	4.25
1 Brass Fire Dogs	3.00	2.25	1 Copper Jardiniere	3.00	2.25	1 Brass Kettle and Lamp	15.00	11.75	1 Brass Fire Irons	5.50	4.25
1 Hammered Brass Jardiniere	6.50	5.50	1 Copper Jardiniere	4.00	2.50	1 Brass Kettle and Lamp	15.00	11.75	1 Brass Fire Irons	5.50	4.25
1 Lustre Copper and Brass Jardiniere	8.75	6.75	1 Brass Jardiniere	5.00	3.75	1 Brass Kettle and Lamp	15.00	11.75	1 Brass Fire Irons	5.50	4.25
1 Copper Jardiniere	5.75	4.75	1 Hammered Brass Jardiniere	10.00	7.50	1 Brass Kettle and Lamp	15.00	11.75	1 Brass Fire Irons	5.50	4.25
1 Hammered Brass Jardiniere	5.50	4.25	1 Set Fire Irons, Fender and Dogs (Brass)	45.00	27.50	1 Brass Kettle and Lamp	15.00	11.75	1 Brass Fire Irons	5.50	4.25
1 Copper Jardiniere	3.00	2.25	1 Hammered Brass Umbrella Stand	9.50	8.75	1 Brass Kettle and Lamp	15.00	11.75	1 Brass Fire Irons	5.50	4.25
1 Hammered Brass Coal Box	17.50	12.75	1 Hammered Brass Umbrella Stand	9.50	8.75	1 Brass Kettle and Lamp	15.00	11.75	1 Brass Fire Irons	5.50	4.25
1 Copper Jardiniere	5.75	4.50	1 Hammered Brass Umbrella Stand	9.50	8.75	1 Brass Kettle and Lamp	15.00	11.75	1 Brass Fire Irons	5.50	4.25
1 Copper Coal Scuttle	6.75	5.50	1 Wrought Iron and Brass Fender	12.50	9.50	1 Brass Kettle and Lamp	15.00	11.75	1 Brass Fire Irons	5.50	4.25
1 Copper Crumb Tray and B.	10.50	7.50	1 Copper Tray	7.50	5.50	1 Brass Kettle and Lamp	15.00	11.75	1 Brass Fire Irons	5.50	4.25

The above will be sold on the Second Floor at the above reduced prices Friday Morning